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Board Rejects Arts Council's Plans

Three years ago, the Arts Council announced it would build a new Michael Graves-designed addition to its building on the corner of Witherspoon and Green streets. Last Thursday night, after raising more than \$3.4 million for the project, the Arts Council was denied approval by the Regional Planning Board.

At the Planning Board the previous Thursday night, Arts Council representatives Chris Ludwig and Peter Bienstock reiterated that the Arts Council would move elsewhere if the Planning Board did not permit it to go ahead with its expansion plans. [For comments from the Arts Council on the decision, see Mailbox, page 20.]

The vote was close, 6-5, and several Board members called the decision "agonizing." Voting against approval were Joseph O'Neill, William Enslin, Alyce Bush, Victoria Bergman, Philip Feig and Wendy Benchley. Voting for approval were the two Princeton mayors, Phyllis Marchand and Marvin Reed, Gail Ullman, Wanda Gunning, and Peter Madison.

The vote came at midnight, after more than four hours of discussion and public comment. Green Street residents provided much of the testimony against the addition, which would double the size of the Arts Council to about 20,000 square feet and would add a 200-seat theater, a gallery, and a small amount of new studio space.



AGAINST EXPANSION: Yina Moore, a Green Street resident and Planning Board member, who recused herself from consideration of the Arts Council's application, gave her objections to the expansion at last Thursday's meeting. Chris Ludwig, president of the Arts Council's board of trustees, is shown on the right.

Mr. Bienstock said the new theater might accommodate as many as two events a week, but that the Arts Council would place a ceiling of 210 patrons on any given evening.

The addition, which would face Paul Robeson Place, required five variances, including a variance for lot coverage of 55 percent when 30

percent is permitted. The current lot coverage is 18 percent.

Green Street resident Yina Moore, the first member of the audience to speak, said the Arts Council goes outside the community because of its rental function, and that its activities are "dollar driven and donor led." The design of the building, she said, rejects the neighborhood, and its scale and size is in conflict with zoning.

"For two or three years they have disregarded every premise of zoning regulations that exist to protect this neighborhood and other neighborhoods like it," she said. Ms. Moore added that she would be happy with the arts aspect of the Arts Council, but not the performing arts aspect, which she said creates a burden on the neighborhood.

Other Green Street residents said they liked the Arts Council, but did not like cars that back up on Green Street for drop-off and pick-up, traffic, intensive parking on their street, and noise from the building in the summer that goes until midnight.

The annual tuition rate is based

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Board Considers Cranbury Impact On \$74M School Bond Referendum

At a special meeting on December 12, the Princeton Regional School board approved a bond referendum proposal that will cost the district an estimated minimum of \$74.2 million. [See TOWN TOPICS, December 13.]

As he introduced the bond proposal, Board Vice President Frank Strasburger declared, "We are assuming the presence of the Cranbury students. It is important for the board and the community to realize that we have no choice, because they are presently here."

The Rev. Strasburger chairs the

facilities committee, where questions have been raised in public sessions concerning the impact that Cranbury students who attend Princeton High School will have on the referendum expense to Princeton taxpayers.

High school students from Cranbury have been attending Princeton High School since 1988, when the sending/receiving relationship began. This year, they were charged a total of \$1,551,141 in tuition, for 171 students — or \$9,071 per student.

Meters in Downtown Will Rise to a Dollar; Hours to Stay Same

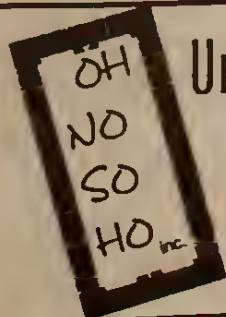
Ahead for the new year will be an increase in meter rates. But Council, in a 3-1 vote taken last Tuesday night, decided it would neither extend meter hours to 8 p.m. nor add Sunday hours. It did, however, support the rise in meter rates from 75 cents to one dollar an hour in a substantial portion of the downtown.

The public hearing will be continued to the Tuesday, December 19 meeting to permit votes by Council members Ryan Stark Lilienthal and Mildred Trotman, who were absent from the December 12 meeting. But even if they were to support the extension and expansion of hours, resulting in a 3-3 tie, Mayor Marvin Reed said he would break the tie with a vote against this move.

The rise in meter rates will apply to Palmer Square, Hulfish Street, Chambers Street, the north side of Nassau Street from Bayard Lane to

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There will be two Creative Dramatics sessions: at 2:30, for ages 6-8; and at 4, for children, ages 3-5, with a parent or adult caregiver. Register as soon as possible, because space is limited.

Children in grades six and up can create their own 'zines on Thursday, December 28, at 3, at a session of "Teen 'Zine Scene." A 'Zine is a publication, created in a variety of formats, featuring original writings and drawings, often interspersed with items clipped from magazines and newspapers.

"Zines are sometimes serious, but more often they're heavy on humor," says Susan Conlon, the library intern who will conduct the 'Zine Scene. "Zines are an outlet for kids to express themselves on politics, poetry, pop culture, and just about anything going on in their lives."

Materials will be provided at the library session, but youngsters are encouraged to bring their own special clippings and any music they wish to hear. Refreshments will be served.

Children's librarian and recording artist Cynthia Cordes will appear as her alter ego, Cindy Lou, for a Holiday Song and Dance Party at 3:30, on December 29.

Performing songs from her upcoming CD, titled *The Adventures of Cindy Lou*, Ms. Cordes will lead sing-alongs and other activities.

Programs are made possible through the Friends of the Princeton Public Library. Special assistance is available for library patrons with disabilities who contact the library 48 hours before any program to arrange for accommodations. For more information, call 924-9529.

Contributions Reach \$45,280 In Third Week of Fund Appeal

The third week of the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund brought a generous contribution from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust. The Trust this year donated \$30,000, an increase of \$10,000 over last year.

The J. Seward Johnson, Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust was by far the largest, but not the only, contribution received in the past week. Many individuals contributed, both small and large amounts, and the fund's total the week before Christmas has reached \$45,280.

For the past 54 years, the Town Topics Christmas Fund has provided emergency funds to people in Princeton whose resources have run dry. It has also helped improve lives by assisting with money for training and tuition.

Often the problem that brings a person to the volunteer counselor at Family and Children's Services involves an employed family member who is unable to continue work because of injury or illness. Although most are eligible for some form of disability coverage, these checks are delayed up to six weeks. During these weeks, the family may have no income. The Town Topics Christmas Fund helps bridge that gap by providing food certificates or, sometimes, by paying rent or a utility bill.

The fund helps people like Yvonne (all names are changed), a student at Mercer County Community College. Twenty years old, she lives with her mother, who works, and helps care for her four siblings and grandmother. In her first semester she was assisted with her tuition, and in the next semester she was aided in buying textbooks. This investment in Yvonne's life will go a long way toward helping her break her family's cycle of poverty.

To contribute, checks should be made payable to the Town Topics Christmas Fund and sent to P.O. Box 664, Princeton 08542. They may also be brought to the Town Topics office at 4 Mercer Street.

Hospital Reports Births To Nine Area Residents

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported births to nine area residents for the week ending December 14.

Sons were born to James Kaplan and Ann Helene Iversen, Princeton, December 10; Sam and Tracey Belbina, Princeton Junction, December 11; Jonathan Lamb and Bridget Orr, Princeton, December 11; and to Timothy and Joanne Childs, Princeton, December 12.

Sons were also born to Venkata and Vinitha Boddapati, Plainsboro, December 8;

Robert and Lori Katcher, Princeton, December 13; Samuel and Alyssa Wolfe, Princeton Junction, December 13; Charles and Margaret Grubbs, Plainsboro, December 14; and to Richard and Mary Beth Smith, Lawrenceville, December 14.

Town Topics Holiday Deadlines

The Town Topics deadlines will change for the next two weeks. To give our employees an extra day off over the Holidays, the deadline for news releases and display advertising for the Wednesday, December 27 issue will be moved up all the way to this Thursday, December 21. The Town Topics office will be closed from Saturday, December 23 until Wednesday, December 27.

The deadline for news releases and display ads for the January 3, 2001 issue will be Friday, December 29. Classified ads will be taken until 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 3. The Town Topics office will be closed from Saturday, December 30 until Tuesday, January 2.

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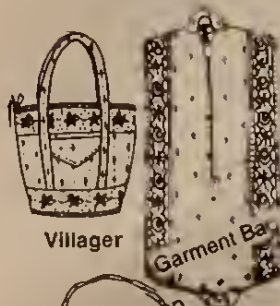
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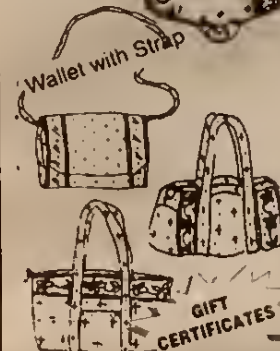
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Princeton Charter School Students Study Priceless Rocks from the Moon



NASA LOAN: Princeton Charter School science teacher Mark Schlawin, left — who normally teaches sixth and seventh grades — holds a second grade class enthralled as he discusses astronomy and "moon rocks." Mr. Schlawin borrowed the rocks from NASA, along with some meteorite samples, to illustrate his presentations on astronomy.

Every day at 8:30 a.m., for the past seven school days, Princeton Charter School science teacher Mark Schlawin has rung the bell at the Summit Bank on Nassau Street.

Before business hours, he is ushered into the bank vault, where he retrieves two plastic disks shaped like giant hockey pucks. In them are embedded, respectively, "moon rocks" and meteorite samples from Planet Earth.

"It is a criminal act for any private citizen to possess lunar material," explains Mr. Schlawin, "Anyone who claims to have some, is lying — or he will soon have the FBI after him."

Before he could borrow the samples to show to his students, Mr. Schlawin had to take a course at Georgian

Court College, Lakewood, which houses the Educational Resource Center for NASA.

There — along with other teachers from across the state

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— he was briefed last summer on the proper protocol for shipping and storing moon samples.

"You can't just leave them in a locked drawer," he told TOWN TOPICS, "but must submit a detailed security plan for NASA's approval. Each day, the disks must be returned to the vault for overnight storage."

During the past few days, Mr. Schlawin has shown the rare rocks — which he says, are "priceless, and have no price" — to all Charter School students, grades one to eight, even though the sixth graders are the only ones currently studying astronomy. He normally teaches science only to sixth and seventh graders.

Children in the upper grades have drawn the rocks and recorded their observations, Mr. Schlawin says, while the younger children have participated in "moon-related activities" with their own teachers, following his presentation of the lunar material.

"The thing that is surprising, is that the moon samples are quite varied," Mr. Schlawin notes. "Some are chalky; others seem to be made of various kinds of glassy material, the result of impacts from meteorites."

The color he says, ranges from black to brownish-black; with even a tinge of green. There is also a kind of a grainy soil.

The teacher is not certain which moon mission brought back the samples. "They told us at Georgian Court that we might receive material from U.S. manned missions, or

material collected by a Russian robot," he says.

The meteorite samples are cross sections. "Meteorites are made of iron; and because they are encased in plastic, there is no corrosion. Instead, the samples have a brilliant finish like steel. Some of them are broken up; they seem to be a mixture of rock and iron."

On December 20, in accordance with explicit government instructions for packing and shipping, Mr. Schlawin will send both disks back to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for safe-keeping. —Anne Rivera

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Princeton Man Remains in Hospital After Head-On Crash

A Princeton man who was seriously injured in a head-on collision December 12 remains at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick with internal injuries and multiple fractures.

Michael Lafauci, 78, of Pine Street, was turning left onto Herrontown Road from the southbound lane of Route 206 when he steered his 1994 Lincoln Town Car into the path of a 1991 Mack truck traveling in the northbound lane. The driver of the truck, David F. Byerley, 54, of Flemington, was uninjured.

Mr. Lafauci and three other passengers in the town car were flown to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick. The passengers, identified as Gerald Watko, 58, of Sayreville, his wife, Donna Ross, 47, and Mr. Lafauci's wife Gratina, no age given, were all treated and released.

Units from the Princeton Fire Department, Princeton Fire and Rescue and Rocky Hill First Aid Squad assisted at the scene of the accident, which closed Route 206 between Hillside and Cherry Valley Road, for two hours.

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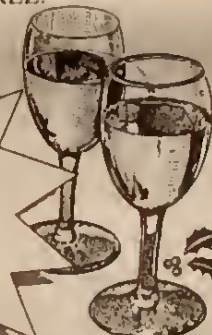
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The 12 recipients are distinguished individuals who have set the highest standards for American cultural achievement, according to the NEH. President Clinton, who selected the winners, and First Lady Hillary Clinton are scheduled to present the medals December 20 at D.A.R. Constitution Hall. The medalists will be honored that evening at a White House dinner.

"We honor these medalists for their extraordinary contributions to the vitality of our nation's cultural life," said President Clinton. "Through their work, they have stimulated our imaginations, celebrated our diversity, tested our beliefs and connected us to each other and our common humanity. They also have helped us recognize the important role of the arts and humanities in our great democracy."

Toni Morrison is the Robert F. Goheen Professor in the Council of the Humanities at Princeton, an appointment she has held since 1989. Her seven major novels, *The Bluest Eye*, *Sula*, *Song of*



Toni Morrison

Solomon, *Tor Baby*, *Beloved*, *Jazz*, and *Paradise*, have received extensive critical acclaim. Awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993, Ms. Morrison was the first African-American winner and the first woman to win since 1938. She also won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for *Beloved*, and the National Book Critics Award in 1977 for *Song of Solomon*.

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TOY STORY: Princeton Human Services collected nearly 300 toys to be distributed to needy families in the community. Santa's helpers were Helena de prat Gay, administrative secretary (left), Cynthia Mendez, director, and Alta Rex, associate director. Toys were donated by Princeton Township and Borough employees, Human Service commissioners, the Nassau Inn's sales department, Pitney Bowes, Braun Research Inc. and Princeton University, as well as several community members. Toys were scheduled to be delivered on December 19 and 20 from the Human Services' office.

(Photo by Charles Fox)

Topics of the Town

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her lifetime of exceptional achievements."

Toni Morrison was born in Lorain, Ohio, a steel-mill town just west of Cleveland. She received a bachelor's degree in English from Howard University in 1953 and a master's degree in American literature from Cornell University in 1955.

Before coming to Princeton to teach literature and writing, Prof. Morrison was a senior editor at Random House for 20 years. She has held teaching posts at Yale, Bard College and Rutgers.

The New York State Board of Regents appointed her to the Albert Schweitzer Chair in the Humanities at the State University of New York at Albany in 1984, a position she held until 1989. In 1990, she delivered the Clark Lectures at Trinity College, Cambridge University, and the Massey Lectures at Harvard University. In 1994, she was the International Condorcet Chair at the Ecole Normale Supérieure and College de France.

At Princeton, Prof. Morrison is a member of the University's distinguished Creative Writing Program. She founded the Princeton Atelier, which brings to campus renowned artists from all fields to collaborate with students on original performances, productions and exhibitions.

Inexhaustible

"She is a teacher of inexhaustible imagination, whose Princeton Atelier has introduced hundreds of students to the wonders of working at the intersection of many different arts at the same time," said Alexander Nehamas, the Edmund N. Carpenter II Professor in the Humanities Chair, Council of the Humanities.

The National Humanities Medal, inaugurated in 1997, honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, broadened our citizens' engagement with the humanities, or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important humanities resources. Up to 12 medals may be awarded each year.

Joining Toni Morrison as medal recipients this year are

sociologist Robert N. Bellah; civil rights activist Will D. Campbell; PBS documentary writer, producer and director Judy Crichton; curator and scholar of African-American art David C. Driskell; author Ernest J. Gaines; preservationist Herman T. Guerrero; musician and composer Quincy Jones; author Barbara Kingsolver; historian Edmund S. Morgan; promoter of humanities education for disadvantaged students Earl Shorris and author Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve.

President Clinton also named the winners of this year's Medal of Arts, which was established by Congress in 1984 to honor individuals and organizations who, in the President's judgment, deserve special recognition for their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in the United States.

The recipients are poet and author Maya Angelou; country musician Eddy Arnold; dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov; musician and composer Benny Carter; painter Chuck Close; stage and film writer Horton Foote; philanthropist Lewis Manilow; National Public Radio, Cultural Programming Division; pop artist Claes Oldenburg; violinist Itzhak Perlman; theater director and producer Harold Prince; and director, actress, singer and composer Barbra Streisand.

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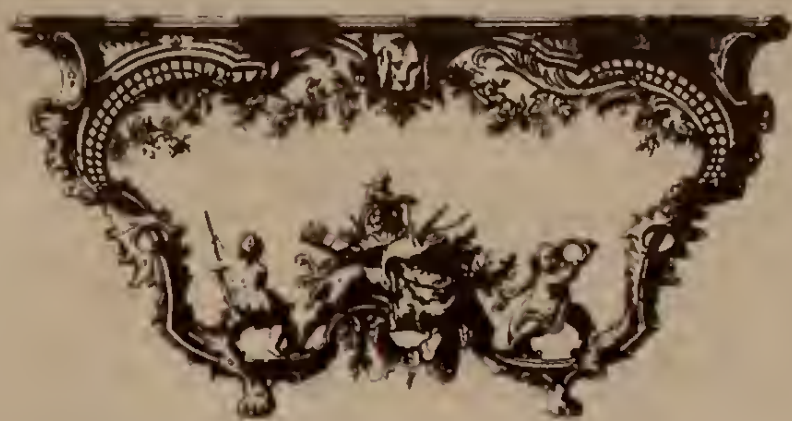
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TRENTON ROUNDUP

Campaign Spending Curbs

The New Jersey Senate State Government Committee last week approved a bill that would increase spending limits for a candidate who receives public matching funds, but who runs against someone with a privately-funded campaign. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Gerald Cardinale (R-Demarest) comes in the wake of Jon Corzine's record spending to win a U.S. Senate seat.

The bill would also require candidates who accept public campaign funds to limit their spending in both primary and general elections. Candidates who reject public funding in a primary — and the \$3.8 million spending cap — would be barred from receiving the funds in the general election.

Port Authority Toll Hikes

The Port Authority has approved plans for a series of public hearings on proposed toll hikes and PATH fare increases. Officials say that new rates would encourage the use of mass transit, by funding a variety of transportation improvements.

The hearings are set to begin January 16, according to officials. The proposal would double cash fares on the PATH trains — from \$1 to \$2; and tolls at the Authority's bridges and tunnels would increase from \$4 to \$7, for commuters paying cash.

Off-peak drivers with E-ZPass would still pay \$4 at the George Washington Bridge, and the Lincoln and Holland tunnels; and \$3 at the three Staten Island crossings during off-peak hours. E-ZPass fares would increase at peak hours, but not as much as for drivers paying cash.

Abortion Amendment

A bill that would amend the state constitution so the Legislature could pass a law requiring minors to notify their parents before having an abortion was voted out of a Senate committee last week. If the bill passes — and if voters support the amendment — the measure will circumvent a state Supreme Court ruling that struck down the parental notification law of 1999.

The bill must be approved in the Assembly by a three-fifths majority, to appear on the 2001 ballot. If it fails to win the three-fifths vote, it must pass the Assembly by a simple majority for two consecutive years before it can be placed on the ballot.

Public Records Access

Advocates for better access to state and local government records announced a coalition last week to push for new legislation and for more cooperation from public officials. The group, New Jersey Foundation for Open Government, was formed by the state Society of Professional Journalists. The group issued a news statement in praise of a bill to revise the public records law that passed the state Assembly last summer. To date, the Senate has taken no action on the bill, but has instead proposed amendments that could require a new vote in the Assembly.

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP: It's a busy time of year for Santa but St. Nick and his helper, Pepper deTuro of Woodwinds, are planning their annual Adopt-A-Highway holiday cleanup for Friday along Nassau Street and Princeton-Kingston Road.

Township Still Waits For Contract Decision From Travelers Ins.

Township officials are still waiting to hear whether Travelers Insurance Company, which holds the bond on the municipal building, feels the Township's decision to terminate its \$6.2 million contract with Paphian Enterprises Inc.,

the general contractor for the \$11.8 million project, was justified.

While work has not entirely stopped, there has been a slow-down since October 24, when officials notified Paphian that they were "pulling the bond."

A limited amount of interior construction has taken place, pending a decision from Travelers. The surety company completed its investigation on December 8; and Township officials had expected a decision by Monday, December 18.

Attorney Ed Konin, who represents the municipality, told TOWN TOPICS that he now expects a decision by Friday, December 22.

"The decision is contingent on one more meeting," Mr. Konin said. "Tom Roberts, the attorney for Travelers is making every possible effort to bring about a decision. The company is completing a diligent review of all issues related to the termination."

There were a number of reasons for the Township's action, according to Township Engineer Robert Kiser. In several instances, he noted, completed work had to be torn out and repeated. Building materials were not properly stored, and some had to be re-ordered, including door

hardware and gun lockers for the police station.

Despite the repeated work and replacement expenses, the cost of the municipal complex will not exceed the original bid price of \$11.8 million, which is guaranteed by the Township's bonding company — unless Travelers decides termination was not warranted.

"I am still confident that the Township position is very strong," Mr. Konin said on Monday. When a decision is reached in the Township's favor, the municipality will have to negotiate with Travelers about how to proceed.

Travelers could choose to act as its own general contractor; or it could use contractors already on site, Mr. Konin stated. "Bovis Construction Corporation, the construction manager, would still oversee the project."

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All are invited to gather on the Arts Council's front lawn. Town Crier Rip Pelaton, along with folksinger Caroline Moseley, will lead the procession to Palmer Square, where carolers will be joined by the Blawenburg Brass Band. Carolers are invited to bring lanterns, flashlights, or bells to the festive event. Song sheets will be available; and Santa may make an appearance.

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The Friends of the International Center will no longer be able to sell UNICEF cards and gifts on the Princeton University campus or at the Princeton University Store.

Instead, the Friends would like to direct their faithful UNICEF buyers to go to Pier One, on Route 1 for this year's cards and gifts.

Thunder, Rain, Wind, Snow Add Up To Unusual Sunday

Princeton and surrounding areas experienced strange weather on Sunday. There wasn't much that didn't fall from the sky.

According to New Jersey climatologist Dave Robinson, approximately 1.5 inches of rain drenched the area, there were several hours of strong thunderstorms, and wind gusts were recorded in excess of 43 miles per hour, much like the winds that toppled trees and wires on December 12.

The high temperature was 66 degrees at 7:30 a.m., and the low was 30 degrees at midnight. There was a rainbow in the early afternoon as the sun peeked through the clouds, and snow flurries fell in the evening.

"It was a remarkable day, for the month of December," said Robinson.

Storm Damage

Fortunately there was no storm damage reported in the Borough. In the Township, wires were blown down on Hillside and Cherry Valley roads, causing the road to be blocked for about two hours.

A large tree limb had to be removed on Quaker Road. It was closed at 8:45 a.m., and reopened at 3 p.m.

South Harrison Street was closed for about 20 minutes after a storm drain flooded. Trees were down on power lines on Terhune Road, and there was a power outage between 206 and Herron-town Road.

Normal rainfall total for the month of December is approximately three inches. So far the Princeton area has been soaked with 2.8 inches, most of it coming within a week.

Robinson said snow could be a problem for the rest of the week. He said there is a chance of snow Tuesday night into Wednesday.

"Some models suggest it could be major, some suggest it could sideswipe us," he commented. "It could go from rain to accumulating snow."

"If everything falls into place, it could be a plowable snow. There is another chance of snow on Friday and Saturday. This week won't be frigid, but it will still be cold."

Robinson said this will turn out to be the coldest December in years for Princeton and surrounding areas.

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"Web Design Strategy," beginning January 8, will cover the planning and strategy behind websites and goals for site effectiveness. The course will explore site promotion techniques and the effective use of search engines in website marketing.

"Beginning Web Design," offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from February 5 to March 7, will focus on the concepts of graphic design as they apply to the World Wide Web. Students use Adobe Photoshop to create original graphics and design a website from scratch.

"Web Graphics," a follow-up to "Beginning Web Design," will begin March 19, and continue on Monday and Wednesday evenings through April 11. It will cover different web formats and the creation of graphics such as buttons, accent images, title graphics, animated GIFs, and banner ads.

In January the college will also continue its Web Master Certificate Program, which has three components: the "HTML Author Certificate," the "Web Administrator Cer-

tificate," and the "Web Developer Certificate." Students completing all three components will earn the "Web Master Certificate." Prerequisites are required

for some segments, and components may be taken individually. Early registration is recommended, as these courses fill up quickly.

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- 2 large apples, peeled, cored, and finely chopped
- 1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 3 ribs celery, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

1. Toss the cranberries with the sugar to mix. Sprinkle the chopped apples with lemon juice to prevent browning.
2. Mix the cranberries and apple with the celery, walnuts, and mayonnaise.
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Wilson School Prof. Champions Work Of Cuban Artists

Lazaro Carlos, owner of a gallery in Havana, Cuba, Espacio 52 Gallery, will be in Princeton through Wednesday, December 20, with Barbaro Reyes, one of the artists he represents.

The two men are guests of Professor Anne Staple, who teaches economics at the Woodrow Wilson School.

On Tuesday, December 19, from 12-4, Ms. Staple planned to hold an exhibition at her home, of work by Mr. Reyes and two other Cuban artists — Alejandro Lazo, and Rigoberto Mena. Collectors, she said, would be welcome to view the work through Wednesday evening, by appointment.

All the artists studied in top Cuban art schools and are fairly well known in their homeland, but they are not familiar to U.S. viewers.

Their work was shown at Boston's Space 12 Gallery last summer; and in a month-long show that just closed last week. Otherwise, they have had no U.S. exposure.

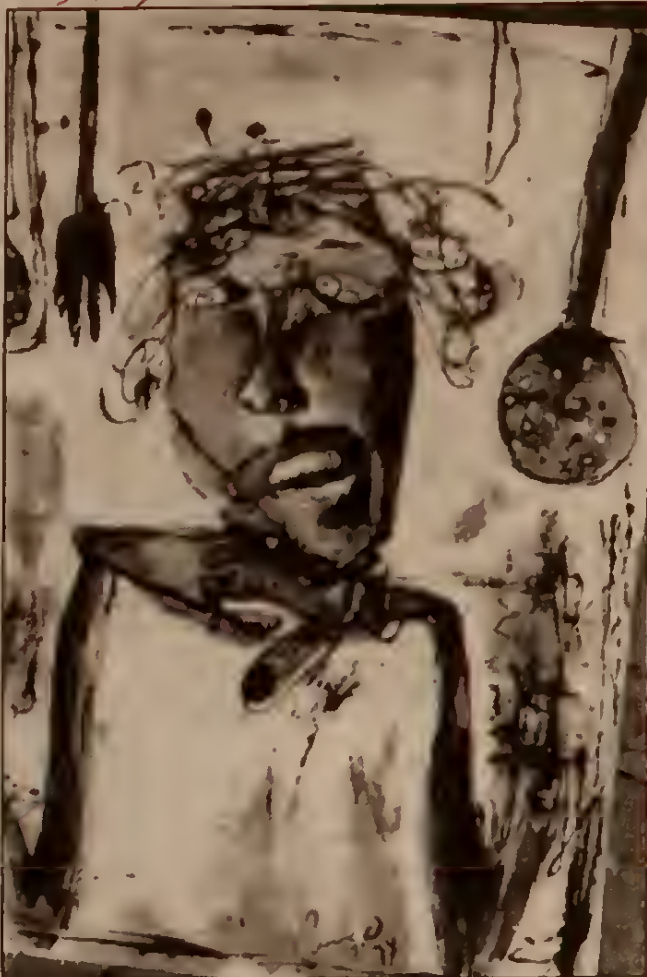
En route back to Havana from Boston, Mr. Carlos and Mr. Reyes were planning to meet with representatives of the Princeton University Art Museum and the Art Council, according to Ms. Staple, and to plan possible exhibitions during 2001.

Her own interest, Ms. Staple indicated, is in promoting a Cuban-American intercultural exchange. She became acquainted with Mr. Carlos, the gallery owner, on a recent visit to Havana, when she wandered into his gallery and was struck by the power of the paintings on the wall.

"My interest is in lifting the embargo," she told TOWN TOPICS, "so that ideas and art can move freely back and forth."

The embargo, which prohibits trade between Cuba and the United States, even discourages artistic exchange. Between them, the three artists have exhibited in Mexico, Germany, Holland, Spain, Colombia, Belgium, Chile, Portugal, Austria, and Switzerland.

For more information about the artists, or to see their work, call Ms. Staple, at 252-1301.



CRAZY LADY: This portrait in acrylic, "My Crazy Lady," is by Barbaro Reyes, a Cuban artist who is visiting Princeton, along with Lazaro Carlos, the owner of Espacio 52 Gallery in Havana. The two men are guests of Princeton Economics Professor Anne Staple, whose goal is to enhance Cuban-American cultural exchange.

Winter Adventure Set At Stony-Brook Millstone

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, located on Titus Mill Road in Hopewell Township, is offering "Winter Adventure" for school age children 6 to 12 years old on Wednesday, December 27 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This day-long adventure will take place outdoors on the Stony Brook Watershed reserve. Children will take a bush-whacking hike, look for signs of winter animals and enjoy a campfire complete with toasted marshmallows. Children will need to provide their own lunches and dress warmly.

Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited. The fee is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. For more information or to register, call the Buttlinger Nature Center at 737-7592

Township Offices Set Holiday Schedule

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BLACK BELT STATUS: Students from the Taekwondo ATA Black Belt Academy, from left, Charles Greve, Ben Philips, and Steven Greve, shown with their instructor Susan Winter, achieved the status of Black Belt on December 3. The three boys, all fifth-grade students at the Princeton Charter School, have moved up through the colored belt ranks over the past three years to achieve Black Belt status. They will continue practicing during the next two years to reach the designation of second degree Black Belt, and will also assist in the training of lower-ranked students.

Ordinance Will Get Park Design Started At Johnson Estate

Township Committee members were expected to pass a bond ordinance at their meeting of December 18, appropriating \$75,000 for park design services at the Robert Wood Johnson estate.

Plans call for the Township to preserve 53 acres of the 60-acre Robert Wood Johnson estate — located at 230 Rosedale Road, across from the Johnson Park School — once it acquires title to the property in the late spring of 2001.

In October, officials of the Delaware & Raritan Greenway announced that they had entered into a contract to purchase the property for \$7.4 million.

The purchase price, according to D & R Greenway chairman Neil Upmeyer, is being raised through a partnership in which public funds will be matched by contributions from private donors. Mercer County will chip in and funds from the Township's Open Space Tax will also be available.

After the Greenway purchases the property, it will deed 55 acres to the Township for permanent open space.

The homes of the four caretakers on the property will be retained by the Greenway and subdivided into four individual lots to be sold on the open market — with the proceeds going to the Greenway.

One of two barns on the property will become Greenway headquarters, while the other will be used for storage.

The ordinance authorizing \$75,000 for a park development design service was enacted now, so the Township can begin soliciting park design proposals, according to Township Attorney Edwin Schmierer.

"That way park planning can proceed and the development of the park can start soon after D & R Greenway closes title on the land and donates that land," he said. The ordinance also anticipates the Borough's participation in the amount of 31 percent.

"We anticipate, based upon our experience in designing the Barbara Smoyer Memorial Park [Weller Farm], that these services will be in the range of \$75,000," Mr. Schmierer wrote in a memo to Committee members.

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Princeton Borough's Homeless Housing Trust Fund seeks donations to support winter shelter expenses of homeless persons residing in Princeton.

"There is a small group of persons who are or would be homeless in Princeton without financial support to help cover housing expenses. Their lives depends on receiving winter shelter," said Borough Council President Roger Martindell.

The Fund, created last year at the suggestion of the Princeton Clergy Association, received tax-deductible gifts from more than fifty individuals and organizations in the amount of nearly \$8,000 to help Borough homeless persons find winter shelter, according to Mr. Martindell. Every member of the Borough's governing body contributed last year, he said.

"But now the Fund is running low and must be replenished to meet the demand this winter," he said. "Municipal governments budget no funds for these expenses and the homeless are entirely dependent on voluntary contributions," he added.

Tax-deductible contributions may be made out to Princeton Borough Homeless Housing Trust Fund and mailed to Penelope Edwards-Carter, Borough Clerk, Borough Hall, P.O. Box 390, Princeton, 08542. Contributions are eligible for matching gifts from the donor's employer.

U.S. Trust Company Opens Downtown Office Tuesday

U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey officially opened its downtown Princeton office on December 18, with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by local dignitaries, U. S. Trust officials and the community. The new office is located at 51 Hulfish Street, in Palmer Square.

"We are delighted to be bringing our clients the per-

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Christine Stives, senior vice president, Private Banking, will lead the new U.S. Trust office. Thomas H. Loester, senior vice president, Judith Oliver, vice president, Private Banking, Mary Ann McCloughan, assistant treasurer, and Christine Mahler, private banking administrator will join Ms. Stives in Princeton.

U.S. Trust portfolio managers and trust officers will be available to meet with clients at either the new Princeton location or the Company's New Jersey headquarters on Vaughn Drive.

Ms. Stives also thanked Palmer Square Management and the downtown retailers for their overwhelming support of U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey as a new neighbor.

Borough Mayor Marvin Reed, and the Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand were both on hand for the festivities.

"I'm very pleased that U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey, which is such an important part of the investment market, will join the downtown Princeton companies. Their presence is an asset to our community," said Mayor Reed.

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Mercer County College To Offer International Business Certification

To address the growing needs of businesses interested in expanding into the global marketplace, Mercer County Community College is launching a new certificate program in International business in January.

Conceived as an extension of the college's new Center for Global Business, the certificate program will offer five short-term noncredit courses.

"It's important that companies have a methodology to assess whether to enter the

international arena," said Keld Hansen, center director. "These courses will also prepare corporate people for assignments in international operations in the U.S. or abroad."

Offered by the college's Division of Corporate and Community Programs, the courses will be taught by business professionals and may be taken separately or as a group. Participants will earn continuing education units.

The first course in the series will be "Export Readiness and International Sales Potential," offered Thursdays, January 18 and 25, from 7:10 to 9:10 p.m. on the West Windsor campus, 1200

Old Trenton Road.

Courses to follow in February, March, and April will be "Intercultural Business Communication," "Sources of International Business Information," "Operational Issues of International Business" and "The International Business Plan." The evening courses will meet for two or four sessions.

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Work by Helen N. Post will be on exhibit in the Café at Borders Books and Music, Route 1 at Province Line Road, through December 31. The Nassau Brass Quintet will perform at a reception for the artist, scheduled for 7 on December 22.

Ms. Post, an educator, art therapist, curator, and former program coordinator for the "Art Goes Public" program, will show "Oils and Pastels" at Borders. She also creates woodblock prints. Her work has been exhibited from New Jersey to Russia.

For more information, call 514-0040.

Still life works in oil by North Brunswick artist Patricia Rosenblad will be on display at the Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery, New Brunswick, through January 17, as part of the company's New Jersey Artist series.

Ms. Rosenblad's paintings focus on fruits and vegetables, subject matter that is familiar to the still life tradition. "My work explores the sensuous beauty of natural forms — pomegranates, melons, apples, peppers, eggplants — through a synthesis of lush color and expressive marks," the artist says.

"These objects, often floating on ambiguous, abstract backgrounds, serve as metaphors for complex associations of interpretation, as well as creating unusual spatial relationships," she adds.

Ms. Rosenblad has studied painting at Boston's School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Bennington College, and the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University.

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Cranbury Students

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upon the previous year's expenditures. Calculations for tuition next year, therefore, will include the \$5 million second question [passed in April 2000], for a per-student tuition rate of \$10,600.

Over the next 10 years, the number of Cranbury students is expected to grow to 220, within a total school population of approximately 1,459.

According to the original contract between the two districts, the sending/receiving agreement will be automatically renewed each year, unless written notice is given at least two years prior to termination. A five-year "phase-out" period is then mandated.

Speaking at the meeting of December 12, Moore Street resident Dan Preston said he realized that nothing can be done immediately about Cranbury students who attend Princeton High School. "How will the discussion continue?" he demanded.

Board President Charlotte Bialek said that in response to persistent questions about the situation, board member Myra Williams had undertaken a detailed analysis of the sending/receiving relationship with Cranbury.

"Our analysis of the situation has led to the conclusion that the receiving relationship with Cranbury is very positive," Ms. Williams

said. "Because we have such a woefully old facility at the high school, most of the capital assessment would have to be done even without Cranbury."

Ms. Williams added that if the bond issue were passed without the participation of Cranbury, the tax rate would be "significantly higher" than if construction were undertaken with Cranbury.

If a mutual decision were made to terminate the sending/receiving relationship and if Cranbury students left in two years, Ms. Williams noted, \$600,000 would be lost from the budget. "There would be a \$600,000 to \$700,000 decrease in each year of the phase-out."

Not Financial Concern

My primary concern is not financial," Mr. Preston persisted. "There are other costs. Adding students results in more demand for playing fields. There is more traffic, and — most serious — more parking is required." He added, "At what point does a high school community become too big? We are getting farther away from the ideal size."

Acknowledging that to maintain an optimum high school size is a matter of "interest and concern," PRS Superintendent Claire Sheff Kohn pointed out that more than 70 percent of all high schools in the United States have an enrollment of 1,000 or more students and wrestle with the same problems now besetting Princeton High School.

"One way many schools address the issue," she said, "is to create smaller communities within the larger community, whether the total is 1,200 or 1,450."

Anthony Lunn, Hawthorne Avenue, suggested that when a high school is larger than 1,200, "the adverse impact is worse for disadvantaged students. If we add the Cranbury students, we can consider that 10 years hence — with 1,459 — Princeton will be well over the optimum."

Ms. Williams said she agreed that the board needs to look at the effect an expanded high school will have on students in ESL [English as a Second Language] classes, on the minority community, and on disadvantaged students.

Mr. Lunn asked board members to imagine the situation if no Cranbury students attended Princeton High School. "If the school had only Princeton students ten years from now and suddenly there was a proposal to add 220 extra, the proposal would be laughed out of court," he said.

He added that he would like The Hillier Group, the architectural firm which developed the referendum proposal, to calculate a referendum figure without the Cranbury students.

"I'm happy as heck to have the Cranbury students here!" exclaimed resident Bob James. "In my opinion, they are an asset, not a liability."

"The issue is not closed," Mr. Strasburger said, "but if we submit a long-range plan to the state with the assumption that the relationship with Cranbury is coming to an end, it would be inappropriate. Cranbury is a moot issue in terms of the facilities discussion."

—Anne Rivera

Report Sees Cranbury Presence as Positive

According to Myra Williams' calculations, if no Cranbury students attended Princeton High School, "the most optimistic possible analysis using current costs indicates that the system might save as much as \$840,000, which would represent a reduction of nine teachers, one guidance counselor, classroom supplies, equipment, textbooks, extracurricular costs, the current trailers, and support services."

Such reductions, Ms. Williams indicated, would also require a cut in the number of current electives and programs. "In reality," she points out in her draft report, "many of the Cranbury students simply increase the current class size rather than resulting in the hiring of additional teachers, so the above estimate of a reduction of nine teachers is ... presented as an upper limit."

"The maximal savings," she concludes, "is less than the tuition receipts, since the Cranbury tuition also covers their share of many fixed costs that cannot be reduced (maintenance, heating, lighting, janitors, principals, administrators, etc.)"

No tax savings would result from an \$840,000 reduction in costs, Ms. Williams notes. The loss of at least \$1,551,141 in tuition payments would result in a tax increase of approximately \$82 on a \$350,000 house, she writes.

She cautioned that all figures are subject to final review and said she would be meeting with representatives of the district and high school administration on December 19, to review her assumptions, particularly in regard to possible curriculum changes.

"The central issue is not how much money we would save without Cranbury," she told TOWN TOPICS, "but what the optimal size is for a high school. Changing the sending/receiving relationship is something we can always consider over time. I feel no great sense of urgency that we must do it now."

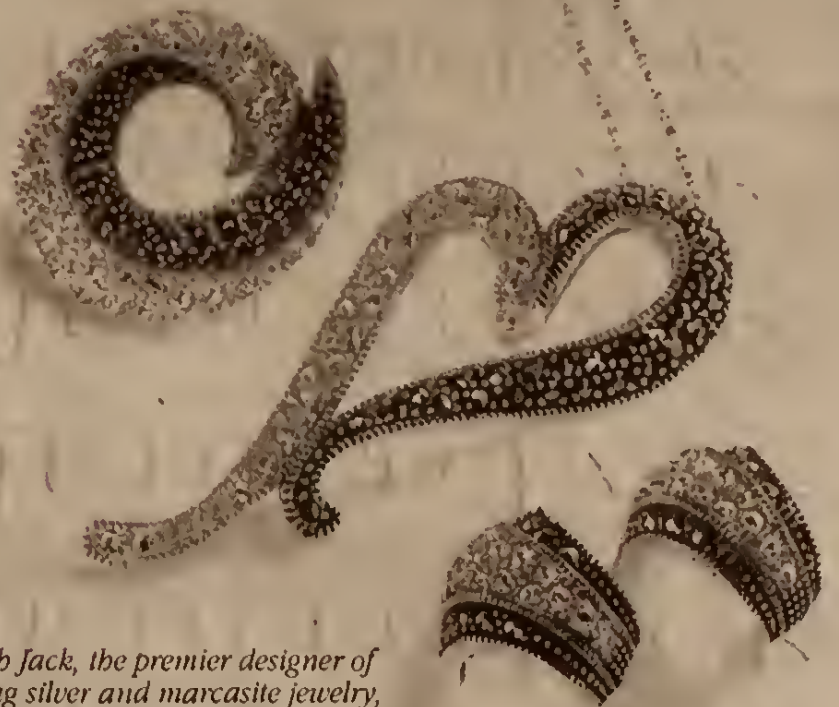
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Politicians Praised for Standing Up Against Bigotry, Even in Small Ways

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The letters published in your December 13 Issue are a sorry group of comments on an even sorer situation in which the Boy Scouts of Troop 43 and every other troop find themselves. The situation wasn't caused by Borough politicians nor by members of the local troop, nor by hysterical liberals, and all this finger-pointing at fellow citizens is distressing.

Many years ago the James Dale debacle was prefigured by an instance in which an 11- or 12-year-old Boy Scout in Colorado was expelled as a self-confessed atheist. The national organization indicated at that time its desire to keep out homosexuals and atheists, even young ones. At the time I felt certain that members of some religious group had infiltrated the national office intending to use the Scouts to promote their religious views. More lately I think I have learned which group it was. How do I know? There have been reports in the press; and in a conversation with two members of the religious group in question they did not deny my accusation, but rather were proud of their work. But I have no absolute proof, and the organization in question has not acknowledged its stealthy handiwork.

Like most former Scouts, I remember the Scout Law and Scout Oath word for word, including the injunction to be "morally straight." This phrase used to mean honest, straightforward, and truthful, and still does to me. I don't find anything straightforward or honest in this stealthy takeover of the Scouts. Then there is the Scout Law, which requires Scouts to be, among other things, loyal and brave. Is that what the Monmouth Council was when, under pressure, it fired James Dale?

Ms. Souter, an angry local troop leader, wishes to dissociate her troop from the National Council but can't. Her troop and every other are in a box from which they cannot escape. They cannot disavow the National Council because they cannot disaffiliat; the National Council owns the name, the uniform and all other rights. And the National Council is not about to change a policy which, in its eyes, is a public benefaction.

The politicians are also bound. No disavowals can change the fact that the Boy Scouts of America, which includes the Princeton troop, is a discriminating organization. Imagine a member of the Ku Klux Klan saying: "Don't call me a bigot. My chapter has never burned a cross nor turned away a black citizen wishing to join."

If our Borough Council wants to bag meters for private organizations, let them do it, so long as they do it for me as well. But I like my politicians better when they stand up against bigotry, even in small ways. I have no sympathy at all for Ms. Benchley's views, nor those of the letter-writer who accuses the Borough Council of political blackmail. The villains in this piece are all in the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, not in the Princeton Borough Council.

THOMAS BRIDGES
William Street

The Arts Council Should Not Give Up The Idea of Remaining Downtown

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

On December 14, the Princeton Regional Planning Board turned down the Arts Council application. I have lobbied energetically for the Arts Council and am disappointed that they suffered this setback. The Planning Board's rejection was understandable in light of the neighborhood objections to their expansion at their present location. Jim Floyd, Ylna Moore and others argued very persuasively that the expansion would be an imposition in that neighborhood. It has always been my position that Princeton needs the Arts Council downtown and I was encouraged to note that no one on the Planning Board or in the audience argued against that position.

Hopefully the Arts Council will not give up the idea of locating downtown but will be encouraged instead by the feelings of support that I found evident at the meeting. Bob Geddes and Princeton Future are convinced that inclusion of the Arts Council is essential to the downtown and now that the current plans have been derailed, Princeton Future can work with the Planning Board, Borough and Arts Council to find a location that fits and does not threaten the Witherspoon neighborhood or any other residential neighborhood.

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Planning Board Vote Forces Arts Council To Consider Alternative Site for Its Home

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The Arts Council of Princeton announced on December 18 its disappointment with the Regional Planning Board's 6-5 vote to reject the Council's proposal for renovation and expansion of its building at the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street. In addition, the Arts Council stated that the Board's vote will force the Arts Council to consider alternative sites for its future home.

"Although we highlighted the benefits of our proposal as well as all the revisions that we made to minimize its physical impacts on the local neighborhood, the Planning Board still rejected our application," said Chris Ludwig, Arts Council Board President. "With their decision, we are now forced to consider other venues for our Re-Imagined Arts Center."

The revisions that were initiated in response to concerns of the neighborhood and the Planning Board included:

- Secured parking agreement from Palmer Square management to enable all patrons of Arts Council to park in pass-restricted garage entered from Paul Robeson Place. This agreement, coupled with the elimination of parking behind the present building, would have significantly reduced traffic on Green Street.

- Placed drop-off zone on Witherspoon Street. The traffic engineers of both the Arts Council and the Planning Board both stated that this drop-off would create "de minimis" increase in traffic on Green Street. To reduce this impact even more, the Arts Council originally proposed to place the drop-off zone and access drive on Paul Robeson Place.

- Moved performances from Loft Theater to new performance space with no sound or light emanations. In addition, with the installation of air conditioning, there will no longer be the need to open the windows of the Loft Theater, again reducing sound emanations.

- Reduced height of addition so that it would be even with the eave of the existing two-story building and reduce height of screens around mechanical units. With these changes, the addition would not be seen from Green Street except through the access drive.

- Placed 6-foot fence on western border to shield neighbor.

- Created street-level main entrance at corner of Paul Robeson and Witherspoon to divert pedestrian traffic away from Green Street neighborhood.

- Replaced single doors with double doors to make building even more inviting.

- Inserted large lower window to enable passersby to view gallery.

- Placed frieze on southerly wall of performance space to reduce solid appearance of addition.

- Placed garden with benches on Witherspoon frontage and entrance from Green Street.

The Arts Council believes that the collective effect of its plan with all these revisions would have been to reduce, and not increase, pedestrian, parking, and traffic impact on our immediate neighbors. However, these facts were overshadowed by the emotional debate that ultimately led the Planning Board to reject the Arts Council's proposal.

Despite the Planning Board's decision, the Arts Council remains steadfastly committed to fulfilling its mission to build community through the arts.

"No matter where our location, we will always seek to bring together all of Princeton with the magnetism of the arts," said Ludwig. "We would like to thank the hundreds of residents of Princeton who share this ideal and have demonstrated their support with their generous contributions to our Re-Imagined Arts Center. We look forward to working with them as we begin the next chapter of developing this center to serve all of Princeton."

CHRIS LUDWIG
Arts Council Board President

Alleged Concern for Princeton's Hispanics Undermined by Charges of Racism, Fascism

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

I wish I could commend John Hurley for his concern about Latinos in Princeton (TOWN TOPICS, December 6) but it is hard to respond in a positive way to someone who is calling you a racist and your elected representatives fascists.

Overcrowding in rental property is already against the law, but that doesn't stop the landlords or tenants so inclined (from greed or frustration on the one hand, poverty or desperation on the other) from doing it. I personally doubt that the new ordinances, when they are finished, adopted, and if they pass muster in the courts, will solve the problem either, because it is a very complex situation with justice questions on all sides. They may help, however, by focusing attention on our legitimate concerns and insisting on respect for the law, whether you are a graduate student, Canadian, Asian, European or Hispanic, to quote Mr. Hurley's list of possible law-breakers.

In a letter full of misinformation and maliciousness, one sentence stands out for its hurtfulness. "This ordinance will be a weapon" says Mr. Hurley, "that authorities can selectively enforce to satisfy intolerant neighbors who dislike the inflow of Hispanics and would prefer they lived elsewhere." Have you no shame?

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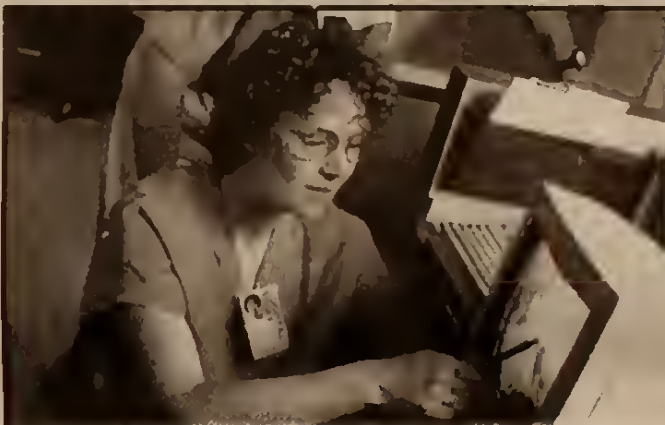
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83980 **Seeking Closure, Boy Scout Troop 43, Withdraws Parking Permit Application**

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

We write for what we hope is one last time in order to bring closure to a sad and unfortunate episode in the history of our local government. We hereby withdraw our application for a parking permit in connection with our December, 2000, Christmas Tree Sale, as it is now apparent that the Princeton Borough Council will never grant our request.

When we initially applied, at the suggestion of Borough employees, we were not told that the Council would impose on us a requirement not demanded of any other applicant. We understand that anyone else except Troop 43 can still get a parking meter bag, upon a showing of need and payment of \$15. (Contrary to some statements, we did not request free bags, but merely stated that, as this is a fund raiser, any consideration would be appreciated.)

Then the firestorm began. Two members of the Borough Council demanded that we sign a statement, and one member publicly and erroneously called us "bigots." We replied that, while we could not sign a statement contravening national policy, Troop 43 does not ask any applicant for scout or adult membership any questions about their sexual preference, has never asked any person to leave because of their sexual preference, and has never advocated discrimination against any person or group. However, we further stated that we did not think government could constitutionally compel us to sign a statement of protest to obtain a parking permit.

Nonetheless, it appears that such a governmentally-compelled statement of protest was exactly what some Council members now demanded, and our request for reconsideration was tabled. While the false and odious accusation of bigotry was never retracted, it is really time to move on. Both the Borough and Troop 43 have more important things to do than deal further with a parking application which will no longer be needed when the holidays arrive.

In closing, we would like to thank a large number of people. Our many friends and neighbors, not only from Princeton, but from all the nearby communities, are generously supporting us once again. Because of them, December 2000 has all the signs of being one of our most successful tree sales ever. We also want to thank the Borough of Princeton. Some people have concluded, from the actions and remarks of a few Council members, that the Borough government is opposed to the Boy Scouts. This is simply not true. The Borough as a whole has been very supportive of our Troop. Indeed, the most positive aspect of this whole unfortunate incident has been the broad and consistent support which we have received from the community as a whole.

Thanks to this, Troop 43 will continue to provide the training and experience in leadership, civic responsibility, environmental awareness and personal growth which the youth of Princeton have received for the past 82 years.

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To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The following is a letter I received accompanying a change purse that was returned to me.

Dear Ms. Isaacson,
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Happy Holidays!

Dear Anonymous finder of my small wallet: What a kind deed you did to return my wallet, spend the postage to mail it to me and take the time to write a most warm note. The penny you enclosed will be kept inside the wallet as my good luck charm.

You have certainly renewed my faith in humanity! Have a wonderful holiday season.

DOROTHY ISAACSON
 Ardmore Road, Monroe Township

83988 **Why the Odds Are Low for Completion Of the Township Municipal Complex**

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

It is difficult to be sanguine about the successful completion of the Township Municipal Complex.

The process is apparently under the guidance of the same keen minds that thought that spending over \$11 million of taxpayer funds for administrative offices in a community of about 18,000 people was a good idea in the first place.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON
 Governors Lane

83987 ✓

Two Borough Councilmen Have Placed Personal Bias Above Law of the Land

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

Ryan Lilienthal, Princeton Borough Councilman and colleague Roger Martindell, in an arrogant abuse of political power, recently placed their own personal bias above the law and flaunted the highest court in the land.

Lilienthal and Martindell disregarded their sworn duty to impartially uphold the law by imposing impossible, illegal and dictatorial demands upon the Princeton Borough Boy Scout Troop 43. The net effect of their malevolent malfeasance was to use their position as elected officials to withhold a public benefit from those legally entitled to it, namely space in which to sell Christmas trees during the upcoming holiday.

These two bullies attempted to shake down the local Boy Scout Troop by demanding a letter 'disavowing discrimination of homosexuals' in return for use of the public space traditionally set aside for the Boy Scout fund-raiser.

In true legalese, Lilienthal and Martindell as attorneys, cloud the real issue with platitudes and outright deceptions.

Lilienthal, in a letter to local newspapers [TOWN TOPICS, December 6], in an attempt to justify his outrageous action, stated that "Bigotry flourishes in our communities ... The issue is to what extent a municipality must accommodate bigotry. We must not infringe on anyone's constitutional rights...."

Lilienthal engages in his own brand of bigotry by taking it upon himself to assume the omnipotent arbiter of America's laws. He overruled the United States Supreme Court by setting aside that Court's decision in which the Boy Scouts' position was deemed not to violate the Gay Community's constitutional rights. Lilienthal obviously disagrees with the highest court in our land and decided that he and his cabal on the Borough Council will decide which laws they will honor and what public benefits they will dispense that satisfy their personal agenda and arrogantly declare our children bigots.

Lilienthal then cites several instances of 'flourishing bigotry' in our community, namely the refusal by two local restaurants that denied access to a public place of accommodation of a blind person. He further set forth his criteria for 'community bigotry,' by stating, "If a local store posted a sign that said, 'No blacks,' or 'No Catholics,' or 'No Hispanics,' would we grant the store's request to bag parking meters? If not, why would we take action now for an organization that says 'No homosexuals'?"

The problem with Lilienthal's flawed legal discourse is that the Boy Scouts and the Gay Community, though they disagreed, accepted the democratic process and requested the judicial system to decide the issue. The highest court in the land ruled in favor of the Boy Scouts in that they did not violate the constitutional rights of gays.

Lilienthal's examples of 'Community Bigotry,' however, was a deliberate deception to confuse the public because as a lawyer, he knows, or should know, that each and every one of his citations had been adjudicated before the Supreme Court and were ruled as denying the constitutional rights of the blind, the blacks, the Catholics and the Hispanics.

The political posturing of Lilienthal has divided our community. He has declared himself and the Borough Council as the ultimate arbiter of this nation's definition of bigotry. They have endowed themselves with the omnipotent power to designate who is or isn't a bigot. They are, in effect, declaring that the Borough Council has the right to pick and choose whatever law accommodates their personal credo and agenda. That is the sum and substance of their outrageous dictatorial action.

The Gay Community should be equally outraged at the Borough Council's action. Gays learned the hard way of the injustice of Gay Bashing by nationwide communities and their biased elected officials.

The Gay Community presented their case before the Supreme Court and that decision went against them. I believe they have accepted that decision as Americans who believe in a land of laws. That does not preclude them, however, from continuing their campaign for universal acceptance but it must now proceed along other avenues. Great strides have been made as far as Gay rights are concerned and greater ones are yet to come. However, the validity of the Gay Community's claim of discrimination is irreparably flawed if they condone petty tyrants like the Borough Council replacing the bashing of Gays with the bashing of Boy Scouts.

JOHN J. TURI
Elm Road

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If Local Troop Believes Exclusion Is Wrong It Should Dissociate from National Scouts

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The National Boy Scouts' policy of excluding homosexuals from its leadership is the same as if it excluded people of a certain race from its leadership. By remaining affiliated and abiding by its rules, the local Boy Scouts affirm this policy.

If the local troop truly believed that this policy is wrong, it would dissociate itself from the national organization, just as I assume it would if the national organization were racist.

The belief that homosexuals are inherently immoral is hateful. I hope the local Boy Scout troop will reconsider its affiliation and I applaud the Borough Council for its moral leadership on this issue.

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A professional 10-piece brass ensemble will accompany the choir in three works. The concert will conclude, as it traditionally does, with the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

This annual concert has been presented since 1945 and has been held in the University Chapel since 1948.

MUSIC & THEATER

Buttons Now Available For New Year's Eve In Downtown Princeton

Buttons are now on sale for the Arts Council's 14th annual Curtain Calls celebration, the strolling, nonalcoholic, community New Year's Eve event that takes place in various venues around downtown Princeton.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Mayor Barbara Sigmund, one of the initiators of Curtain Calls in Princeton.

To commemorate her enthusiasm, vision, and dedication to her community, Curtain Calls will regain its focus as a community-wide event, one that appeals to the whole family. In this regard, the Arts Council is pleased to host as the centerpiece of the evening two full-scale productions of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, mounted by Nassau Presbyterian Church. Starring local and returning residents and directed by Sue Ellen Page, the performances are scheduled for 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Families with younger children are encouraged to attend the earlier performance.

For the Family

Also featured as part of Curtain Calls and appealing to families will be magic and comedy by Dennis James; Celtic harpist and storyteller Joanna Mell; silent and classic film comedies shown all night long by film historian Bruce Lawton; mime and Princeton Public Library; Nascomedy by Per Kreipke of sau Presbyterian Church; and Princeton Movement Theater. And excerpts from *The Nutcracker* by Princeton Bal-

let School; folksinger Caroline Moseley; the Princeton Girlchoir; Bluegrass, jazz, and Celtic fiddling by Travis Wetzel; Minikln the Clown; hand-writing analysis by Dorothy B. Rubin, and horse-drawn carriage rides all night long.

For the Adults

Adults will enjoy Tom Spain's Dixie Spasm Jazz Band; Motown and classic rock by Tony Stacey and Hardplay; "Classics to Broadway" by Wendy Zoffer and Friends; the Sweet Adelines; the Victor Marshall Jazz Duo;

And 18th century Irish, Scottish, and English music played by musician John Burkhalter on the recorder; baroque music for two flutes and harpsichord by Tom Moore and friends; tours of the Princeton University art museum collections led by museum docents; and more.

To reinforce the community-centered nature of Curtain Calls this year, the Arts Council will open the Assembly Room of Nassau Presbyterian Church to all button holders. Here participants can come in to warm up, have a snack, and greet friends and neighbors.

Pianist David Stern will be playing in the Assembly Room, and sit-down comic and caricaturist "Harold" will be drawing caricatures on a first-come first-serve basis.

At approximately 11:30, a procession, led by bagpiper Anne Witt, will leave from in front of the Fitzrandolph Gate on Nassau Street and walk down Witherspoon Street to the Arts Council for the midnight countdown. All are welcome.

This year Curtain Calls sites night long by film historian will include the Arts Council; Bruce Lawton; mime and Princeton Public Library; Nascomedy by Per Kreipke of sau Presbyterian Church; and Princeton Movement Theater. —on the Princeton University campus — the Chapel,

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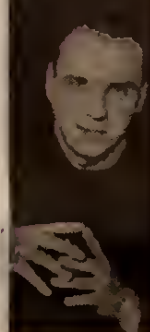
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SHEKET, the Junior Choir of the Princeton Jewish Center, will perform December 21, the first night of Hanukkah, in Palmer Square, to celebrate the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah. The choir recently performed at the invitation of Governor Christine Todd Whitman and the annual kristallnacht commemoration in the State House Assembly Chamber.

Music/Theatres

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McCosh 50, the Murray-Dodge Theater, McCormick 101 (the auditorium in the Art Museum), and the Art Museum itself.

On the evening of Curtain Calls, programs listing the time and place of each performance will be distributed to all button wearers.

Curtain Calls buttons cost \$15 (children 5 and under free) and are available at the following locations: The Arts Council, Alchemist and Barister, Bowhe and Peare, Jazams (Princeton), Landau's, McCaffrey's (Princeton and West Windsor), PNC Bank on Palmer Square, and the Princeton Packet. Buttons are not refundable.

The Arts Council is still in need of volunteers who can check buttons at the various sites. Volunteers will work in

two-hour shifts and are free to enjoy performances throughout the evening as the guests of the Arts Council. To volunteer, call Karin Immordino at 924-8777.

For more information on the event itself, call the Curtain Calls hotline number, 921-0404. A more complete list of performers is available on the Arts Council's web site: www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

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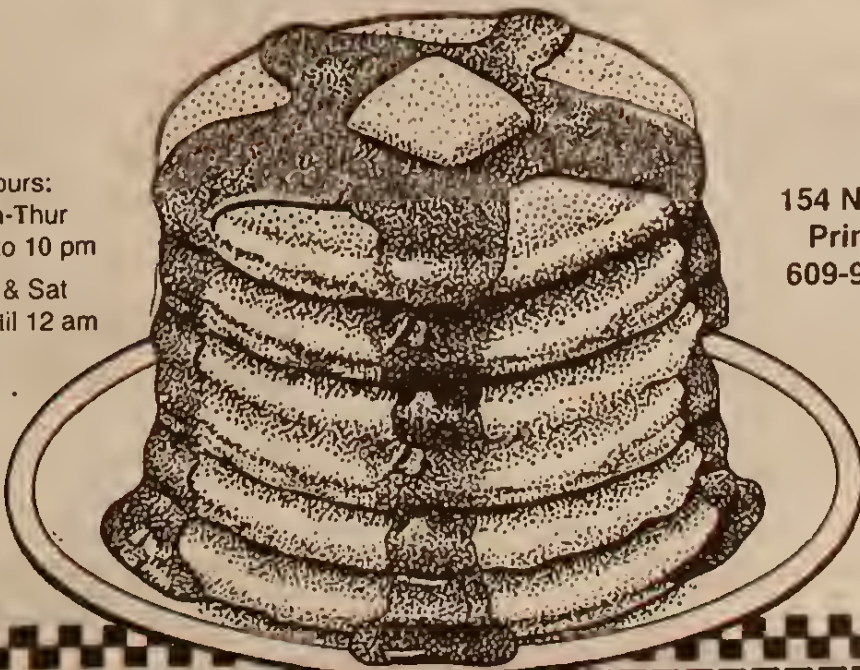
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102 Dalmatians (G): 2:30, 5
Unbreakable (PG 13): 2:35, 5:20, 8:20
Proof of Life (R): 2:05, 5:05, 8:05
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AMC Hamilton has informed TOWN TOPICS it is unable to supply movie schedules in time for the paper's Tuesday deadline.

Gennady Spirin ^{7:30} Creates Poster For "Christmas Carol"

Internationally acclaimed children's book illustrator and Princeton resident Gennady Spirin has been commissioned by McCarter Theater for an illustration of its new production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Posters will be available at each performance and at the Firebird Gallery, 16 Witherspoon Street.

A Christmas Carol, adapted by David Thompson and directed by Michael Unger, will be on stage at McCarter Theatre through December 24.

Born in the small town of Orekhovo-Zuyevo, near Moscow, Gennady Spirin graduated from the Surikov School of Fine Art at the Academy of Arts in Moscow and Moscow Stroganov Institute of Art. In all his work, Spirin's sense of design and artistic skill elevate his illustration to the level of fine art. His fantasy characters are showcased in a lush, intricately detailed, colorful environment.

His exquisitely rendered illustrations in vivid watercolors have appeared in more than 30 books. He is celebrated around the world. Paul Barker, the creative head of Hallmark, has said that Spirin is "the best artist working in watercolor in the world today."

He was awarded First Prize for Illustration at the Barcelona International Children's Book Fair. He has also received four gold medals from Society of Illustrators in New York. The New York Times selected Mr. Spirin's *The Fool and the Fish*, *Gulliver's Adventures in Lilliput*, *Kashtanka* and *The Sea King's Daughter* as Best Illustrated Books of the Year.

Known as one of the major painters of Christmas themes, Mr. Spirin has rendered a series of Santas from all over the world. Commissioned by the Franklin Mint, he has created an Old American Santa Claus, Father Christmas from Great Britain, Pere Noel, Christmas in Germany, which are reproduced on the Christmas collectible plates.

He was commissioned by Saks Fifth Avenue to create an image of The Nutcracker, which became the central theme for the entire Christmas decoration in their stores over successive years in New York, Chicago, Dallas and San Francisco. Mr. Spirin's Christmas collection includes the illustrated Gospels of Matthew and Luke, published by Henry Holt and Co in 1998 under the title *The Christmas Story According to the King James Bible*.

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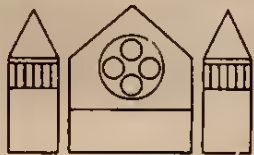


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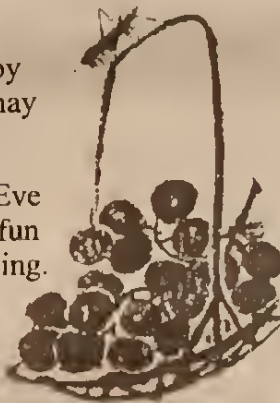
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MUSIC REVIEW

Musical Holiday Favorites, Old and New, Glittered in Friday's Boychoir Concert

For an elegant balance between continuity and change, you can rarely do better than the American Boychoir's annual "Holiday Extravaganza" at Richardson Auditorium. The program is similar year to year, with a lively mix of music from many times and places. The boy singers and their voices change — one year in the training choir, the next in the concert choir; one year an alto, the next year a tenor. Yet one longtime source of continuity is becoming a source of change: having served 16 seasons as music director of the Boychoir, the innovative, hard-working, and very musical James Litton will retire after this season.

American holiday favorites, old and new, glittered in Friday evening's concert. For the early American carols *Hail the blest morn!* and *I wonder as I wander*, Litton and the choirs rightly luxuriated in the melodies, shaping them precisely and warming, keeping the harmonies simple and secondary. The *Christmas Medley* of more modern tunes (*Winter Wonderland*, *Let it Snow*, and others), with its schmaltzy festiveness, was perfectly positioned between two serious works. The performance of the spiritual *Mary Had a Baby* was, surprisingly, a letdown: the arrangement was too stiff and constrained, and the solo line was too high for the soloist.

Liturgical Music

Old English carols and Christmas liturgical music from several different centuries contrasted with the modern songs on the program. Although I saw three ships and Vivaldi's *Laudamus te* were familiar, the 700-year-old chant *Qui creavit celum*, to which the choir proceeded into the Auditorium with candles at the beginning of the evening, was stark, lovely, and unfamiliar. Soprano Alexander Cook sang a beautiful solo in the English carol *Swete was the song the Virgine soong*.

Each half of the concert contained pieces from more exotic parts of the globe.

Associate Music Director Fernando Malvar-Rulz led the choir in a song from his homeland, Spain, titled *Riu, riu, chiu*. The choir's diction was very fine on the Spanish text, complemented by crisp musical articulation and dramatic dynamic contrasts. Two Hanukkah songs, *Mi Y'mallél* and *S'vivon*, sparkled, and the Basque carol *The Angel Gabriel* flowed effortlessly in John Rutter's three-part arrangement.

Complex Luster

A staple of these annual programs, the song *This Christmastide* (Jessye's Carol) by Donald Fraser (b. 1947) had its usual transfixing effect. Slow and thoughtful, the melody brought out the complex luster of the choir's exquisite tone. Sung just after the boisterous Christmas medley, this carol's calming effect and simple elegance were highlighted to good advantage.

Boychoir holiday concerts are participatory with their traditional sing-alongs. After the audience sang a stanza of *Joy to the World* at the end of the first half, James Litton told us that we weren't generating half the volume of a congregation down South of about the same size that they had just visited. *O come, all ye faithful* in the second half came off more majestically, thanks in part to Scott Dettra's regal organ accompaniment.

The Boychoir's next appears in this area on February 23 at The College of New Jersey, singing a program titled "A Princeton Homecoming."

Two new contemporary pieces were introduced into the program this year. The choir energetically sang *Hope for Resolution* by Paul Caldwell

and Sean Ivory, an ingenious combination of two very different tunes, the medieval chant *Of the Father's love begotten* and the South African freedom song *Thula sizwe*. Derek Holman's *Now have good day!* was tighter and more nuanced, with gentle, insistent dissonances that the choir eased through nicely.

—Linda Tyler

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MUSIC REVIEW

Smaller Chorus Is Both a Liability and Asset At Princeton Pro Musica's 'Messiah' Performance

Princeton Pro Musica's presentation of Handel's Messiah was scaled down this year. Saturday night's performance in Richardson Auditorium featured a smaller chorus than usual, with an orchestra of only two or three on a part. With less than 15 singers on a part (and only seven tenors), the chorus was smallest seen in recent years.

These scaled-down forces were both an asset and a liability to the performance. Small mistakes and glitches which get swallowed up by a large ensemble sound are much more apparent (as many were on Saturday night), but there was also the opportunity for more flexibility of sound. Conductor Frances Fowler Slade was brave to perform the complete Messiah with so few singers, and nowhere was that more apparent than in the choral coloratura sections, such as "For Unto Us" and "All We Like Sheep." Although the choral sound was overall well-blended and the coloratura sections were obviously well-drilled, the tenor sound was sometimes lost in the complicated choral fabric of voices singing runs on top of runs.

The bass and soprano sections deserve overall commendation for sustaining a solid choral sound throughout the performance. With a few moments of exception, what was missing in general was a choral bite to the sound — a snarl which really conveyed the nastiness of some of this text when necessary, such as the chorus "He Trusted in God."

Continuing her past traditions with soloists, Ms. Slade used excellent vocalists with solid experience in this performance style. Tenor Jonathan Boyd set up the story as the first voice heard in the performance. As did all the soloists, Mr. Boyd demonstrated nice ornamental touches, and presented an effective declamatory style to his opening recitative and aria. As befitted his operatic background, he sought to engage the audience from the outset.

Mr. Boyd was featured in the second part with a set of two recitatives and two arias alternating texts of plaintiveness and comfort. Although Ms. Slade's tempi in the first two of these was slow, Mr. Boyd settled in well with the orchestra in the aria "But Thou didst not leave his soul in Hell."

Bass Curtis Streetman also had a declamatory recitative to sing, describing the Lord shaking "the heavens and the earth; the sea and the dry land." Mr. Streetman's recitative was set up poorly by the orchestra, whose entrances throughout the performance often lacked the fire and bite necessary to convey the drama of the story. Mr. Streetman had a chance to recover in the aria "The people that walked in darkness," which he performed with the unusual touch of starting piano, crescendoing to the point

at which "the people have seen a great light." The bass soloist is also the star of the third part of Messiah, singing "The trumpet shall sound," in which Mr. Streetman seemed to stumble a bit on the ornaments, but otherwise presented a fine rendition, accompanied by trumpeter Joe Reardon.

Countertenor Drew Minter is renowned worldwide for his interpretation of this period of music, and his extensive ornamentation in the "refiner's fire" aria demonstrated why his historical reputation is justified. That particular aria covers a huge vocal range, and although Mr. Minter's middle register at times seemed detached from the lower and upper registers, he was able to find the "fire" in the piece.

Ms. Slade's use of countertenor rather than a female alto allowed for more vocal variety and stylistic accuracy in the performance. The arias are low for a female voice, and it made much more sense to have a male alto voice go "up into the high mountains." Mr. Minter's voice was tailor-made for "O Thou that tellest good tidings" and "He was despised," both of which he performed with solid sound and effective style.

Voice of the Angel

The soprano soloist brings the voice of the angel to the story. Judy Pannill brought a well sustained and clean sound to her arias and recitatives, bringing the voice of comfort to the masses in "Come unto Him" and "I know that my redeemer liveth." A careful and meticulous singer, Ms. Pannill also displayed stylistic ornaments.

Of all the elements of this performance of Messiah, the orchestra was the weakest. The sound of the smaller ensemble was appropriate and mixed well with the chorus, but very few entrances were clean, and the orchestra overall lacked rhythmic drive and intensity. This was most apparent in the aria "Why do the nations," which Mr. Streetman sang effectively (with the exception of a low E at the end of the piece which not only didn't work, but was not written by Handel), but the orchestra was not complying with the continually accelerated fire in the background. The winds and lower strings were the best aspect of the ensemble, while many of the recitatives were marred by a cello and harpsichord which rarely began the piece together.

No matter what the flaws were with Saturday night's performance, Pro Musica's annual presentation of this work packs them in. The house in Richardson was nearly full, and the completely engaged audience clearly felt their holiday season was not complete without hearing this work.

—Nancy Plum

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If you haven't been to **Oh No So Ho**, you're missing a treat! Located in the Southfield Center on the Princeton-Hightstown Road in West Windsor, this small shop features fun, functional and whimsical art, gifts, and jewelry. Intrepid travelers who make the 10-minute drive across the Great Route One divide will find surprising, original, and delightful items from around the world.

The store reflects the effervescent personality of owner Cindy Sauber, whose 13-year-old son composed the following gem: "For a cute little store that's hard to find, Oh No So Ho will blow your mind!" He's absolutely right.

The eclectic selection offers wonderful variety and the unexpected in all categories. Handsome shoulder bags have a familiar look — they are woven from seat belt strapping (the same as in the car) in all colors, and will probably last forever. In many shapes and sizes, they are under \$100. Beautiful beaded bags from India start at \$50.

Porter Creek handmade mosaic is very popular, with vases, boxes, and picture frames made of pottery and porcelain shards, reassembled artistically into new life. Also available, the famous Flying Rabbi platter by BerryWare Ceramics is \$115.

Kurt McVay art glass is still a best seller, with its shimmering glass plates and platters in rectangular shapes signed by the artist. Anneglass, handcrafted tableware, is another winner, with the many styles priced from \$30.

Unusual gifts include eyeglass "leashes" in colored stones and beads that can also double as necklaces, from \$48. Popular again are the enameled floral design handpainted dishes to hold eyeglasses, at \$21.

A terrific jewelry selection includes the famous silver and gold snake chain Lariat jewelry by Michael Bromber, from \$53. Jewelry by Metal



DECORATING IN STYLE: Charles Peterson III and his mother Linda Peterson of Peterson's Nursery admire one of the beautiful handpainted limited edition glass ornaments from the Polish company Basia. New, this year, they feature lovely holiday scenes, and there are also accompanying look-alike candle holders. These ornaments are collector's items, from \$29.95.

Monk features ethnically inspired pieces using jade, smoky topaz, carnelian, amethyst and coral, including a stunning bracelet of strands of peridot, jade, and turquoise beads.

"Funky, chunky and junky!" is how Ms. Sauber describes a dramatic line of faux gold and silver costume jewelry, featuring big nugget-like clusters in necklaces and bracelets. Another great line is the museum-inspired collection by Ayala Bar, whose finely detailed bracelets in Byzantine and Middle Eastern designs are under \$100.

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TIGER, TIGER: This Princeton plush tiger is the largest in a family of tigers (small, medium and large), ranging from \$24 to \$98 at the Princeton U Store. He is holding tiny tiger cubs, and wearing an orange and black Princeton University scarf. A complete selection of Princeton insignia items is available at the store.

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Draw the bath, set the mood, warm the scented oils, light the candles, fill a sparkling glass, and drift away to pure pleasure!

Ingredients for just about all of the above can be found at **ETC Company** at 25 Palmer Square East. Combining accessories for the house and body is the unique concept of this stylish yet homey store, reminiscent of So Ho. It offers an enormous range of items guaranteed to make you feel good and your house look good. So many choices!

Luxurious bathroom accessories include fragrant soaps, lotions, shower gels and bath salts. Body lotion and soap combination gift packages are \$16.95 and include many scents, with the delightfully refreshing verbena especially popular. Long-lasting soaps from France are available in single bars, and small gift soaps in a box of 12 from Pre de Provence are \$12.95, a very thoughtful hostess gift.

The store also carries a variety of aromatherapy products, all made of 100% natural essential oils in wonderful scents, such as Roman Spring. These oils are relaxing and rejuvenating, and available in a variety of price ranges.



Small indulgences are available in the form of wooden body massagers, including a "Massage Mouse" for \$8.95. Little lavender-filled "Aroma" bears are in three sizes, from \$10.95, and offer a refreshing scent for the car, drawer, etc.

ETC Company has become known for the size and quality of its candle selection — all shapes and sizes, scented, unscented, tapers, pillars, beeswax, floating, every kind of candle imaginable. Gold Christmas tree candles are a

festive addition to your holiday decor, and charming floating candles in sets of four at \$10.95, add an elegant glow to the festivities.

And to go with all these candles, a unique array of candlesticks and holders. Wonderful paper lanterns, decorated with actual pressed flowers, rose petals, and tiny evergreen fir sprays. Attractive globe-shaped holders are \$16, and there are fun snowman holders and twig-style candleabra.

Picture frames are another big holiday gift item, and ETC has an especially large collection, with many unusual styles, including swiveling frames and photo boxes, which can hold 500 pictures, priced from \$16.95 to \$29.95.

New this year is an expanded selection of clocks, with choices from Eiffel Tower designs to retro Big Ben alarm clocks in 1930s style at \$32.95. Wall clocks include replicas of antique designs representing such places as l'hotel du Canal St. Martin, among others, in the \$75 to \$85 range.

The eclectic selection at ETC Company goes on and on — boutique-type areas include an Asian motif, with bonsai, lovely tiles with Oriental theme, and bamboo furniture. Mirrors, framed art, rugs, indoor copper water fountains (\$179- \$220), books, and wonderful hand-done velvet throws in many patterns and colors from India, and exclusive to ETC in the U.S. (\$169) are also available.

Music in the background features excerpts from such singers as Edith Piaf, and the Golden Age of jazz, Big Band, and Swing, all available on CDs in vintage design for \$17.95.

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Jazams (formerly Crack-erjacks) is a true success story. Four stores in four years! Since 1996, it has grown from one location in the Montgomery Center to four stores, the latest having opened at 15 Hulfish Street last spring. And it is irresistible.

Once people come in, they don't want to leave. Adults have as good a time as the kids, and the key is the wonderful assortment of items, from marbles, finger paints and scooters to model rockets, puzzles, games, dolls, and musical instruments.

"We're a specialty toy store, with the focus on fun and quality," says owner Joanne Farrugia. "I have definite ideas about toys — we have an eclectic mix, with an emphasis on wood toys and books."

Creative and imaginative items are everywhere. There are not a lot of electronics and few guns (just the fun old cork gun and the new potato gun). Games, puzzles, arts and crafts, blocks, juggling balls, and a big variety of baby items fill the attractive store.

All kinds of wonderful holiday shopping ideas are on hand in every category. Keeping secrets is fun with "My Ultra Secret Stuff Journal," a diary with a special light to reveal the invisible writing. Written with an ultra-violet pen, the words show only under the glow of the ultra-violet light. The journal comes with pen, light, padlock, and keys (\$20).

Creativity will be inspired with the authentic pottery wheel (\$40), and the timelessly classic Lincoln Logs, so popular with fledgling architects and builders.

Getting around has never been better! Not only are there the ubiquitous scooters — in all styles and sizes, including the sleek foldables and the electronic "Zappy," there are also the enormously popular Flying Turtle and California Chariot (part bike, part skateboard).

Vintage-style trucks and cars are big enough to hold real life kids, and young traditionalists will love the all-time favorite Radio Flyer red wagons in wood and metal. Sleds in all varieties are ready for the snowy stuff, and for kids who prefer to get around on their own two feet (or hands and knees as the case may be), there is the super Air Maze — a kingsize tunnel, just meant for exploration and intrepid investigation.

Music, music, music! The Woodstock three-piece drum set is great for ages 5 and up, and if that isn't enough, there are baby grand-style pianos in three sizes and colors, from \$90 to \$600. A full range of other instruments is also available.

And don't forget the babies — Jazams certainly hasn't! There are plush toys, stroller items, as well as rattles and mobiles, boats for the bath, and fun "Whoosit" toys for newborns (including a spiral "Whoosit" toy attachment, providing stroller entertainment — "A sure thing!" \$20).

"Skwish," for 6 months and up, is a bendable push and roll toy for \$16.99, and the colorful "Ball Party" for one year and up is great fun to roll around. For older tots, "Rub a Dub, Draw In the Tub" are popular bathtub crayons for \$5.99.

Jazams has everything to draw or paint with, including jumbo chalk at \$1.50, glitter glue pens for \$4.99, and for young sculptors, modeling clay at \$3.99.

Stocking stuffers are everywhere! Lots of fun things for under \$5 — the popular bendable pop tubes, real Slinkys, jacks, marbles, yo-yos, bobby pins for girls, card games, little brain teasers — the list goes on and on.

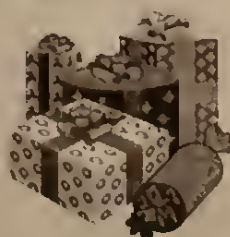
The store also has a super book collection for all ages — babies up to young adult titles. A new illustrated version of the holiday classic *A Night Before Christmas* is illustrated and signed by Jan Brett (\$16.99), a wonderful family gift. A picture book, loved by children and adults, *Dream Snow* by Eric Carle, has beautiful art work, and is \$21.99.

Two popular board books are *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs (\$4.99), which also has accompanying plush snowman for \$19.99, and *What Makes A Rainbow?*, a fun interactive book by Betty Ann Schwartz for \$8.95.

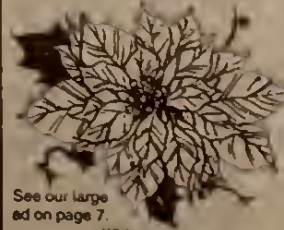
There is also a selection of Hanukkah books and Hanukkah toys and trinkets.

For the month before Christmas, Jazams will also have a shop across the street (the former location of Zoe), furnishing it with a special selection of wood items, including doll houses, igloo sets, kitchens, and castles, with accompanying knights on horses.

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The Perfect Gift on Nassau Street offers many "perfect gifts," including a handsome silver-plated desk calculator with unusual free-form shape, at \$46, and **Luttmann's** on Witherspoon Street has a selection of the popular "Bucky" neck pillows, eye shades, and ear plugs, from \$23.95.

And also for tired eyes, **Edith's**, the lingerie shop on Nassau Street, offers leopard print eye-shades at \$8.50.

For something soft, **Birds of a Feather** in Kingston has rayon and nylon chenille-like "Feel Me" scarves in assorted colors for \$38.

Something to eat is always a sure thing, and you will find melt-in-your-mouth imported Prosciutto ham at \$17.99 a pound at **Lucy's Ravioli Kitchen & Market** on State Road. Also delicious are the small pound cakes and date and nut cakes for \$5.95 at **Bon Appetit** in the Princeton Shopping Center.

Little girls will love the Corolle baby doll sets, including clothes, for \$24.99 at **Jazams**, and **Learning Express** offers a super Wizard's cape and hat, \$18.95, along with a variety of other magic and wizardry-oriented items.

Potpourri is always welcome, and Peterson's has a great selection in many fragrances, from \$5.99. The same store has a fun snow gauge with penguin design, to measure snow up to 20 inches, also \$5.99, and there is a Christmas Melody Clock, which plays a different Christmas carol to mark each hour. (\$18.99).

Pretty window candles in brass and pewter are available at **Kale's Christmas Shop**, from \$23.99, and **Ambleside Nursery & Garden Center** has very special new pewter ornaments, including Santa in sleigh and angel sleeping on the moon, priced at \$46. Also available from Ambleside are beautiful beeswax globe candle holders, handmade with real flowers. \$28.99.

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THAT MAGICAL TIME OF YEAR: Eugenia Demytchou of Pennington admires the Christmas ornaments displayed near the Palmer Square Kiosk.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 19
6 p.m.: Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 2nd floor meeting room.

7:30 p.m.: Dickens' A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30, Saturday at 1 and 5:30, Sunday at noon and 4.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council, Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Health Commission, Borough Hall Conference Room.

8 p.m.: Regional Schools Board of Education, John Witherspoon School.

Wednesday, December 20
6:30 p.m.: Carols of Many Nations; Princeton Theological Seminary, Miller Chapel. Also at 8:30.

7:30 p.m.: Human Services Commission, Human Services Department, 380 Witherspoon Street, in the conference room.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Charter School Board, 575 Ewing Street.

7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, Borough Mayor Marvin Reed with guest Joanne Farugla, manager, Jazams, toy store in Palmer Square, "Santa's Coming." Live. Call-in. 252-2379.

Thursday, December 21
Winter Solstice 8:37 a.m.

9 a.m.: Regional Schools Facilities Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton High School 55th Winter Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

Friday, December 22
First Day of Hanukkah

8 p.m.: *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30.

Saturday, December 23

1 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet, *The Nutcracker*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also at 4.

1 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet, *The Nutcracker*; War Memorial, Trenton. Also at 4:30.

Sunday, December 24

5:15 p.m.: Candlelight Caroling. Gather at Arts Council, 102 Witherspoon Street; proceed to Palmer Square. Call 924-8777.

Monday, December 25
Christmas

Wednesday, December 27
5 p.m.: Township Committee, Valley Road Building.

Friday, December 29

8 p.m.: *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30.



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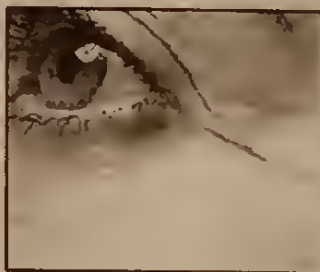
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SPORTS

Princeton Stalls in Final Minutes; Suffers 46-44 Loss to Rutgers

Princeton played Texas Christian University on Monday night, too late for this edition.

A pattern has developed between the Rutgers University and Princeton men's basketball rivalry. It seems that each year the visiting team walks away victorious. Last season the Tigers won 66-60 in Piscataway.

Rutgers continued the trend with a come from behind 46-44 win Thursday at Jadwin Gym, despite the absence of senior reserve guard Renardo Brown. He was declared ineligible by the university due to an apparent violation of NCAA rules.

Despite the controversy, Rutgers and Princeton staged an all out war, a heart thumping thriller that was decided in the final minutes. So what's new? It will be interesting to see what happens if these two teams meet at a neutral site, Madison Square Garden, in the ECAC Holiday Festival December 27-28.

There were four ties and only three lead changes Thursday, a good indication of how Princeton controlled the game, at least for 37 minutes. The final three minutes belonged to the Scarlet Knights.

The key to the comeback for Rutgers was the play of senior Jeff Greer, who has struggled at times this season. He was held scoreless in the first half, but made some key shots in the second and finished with 11 points.

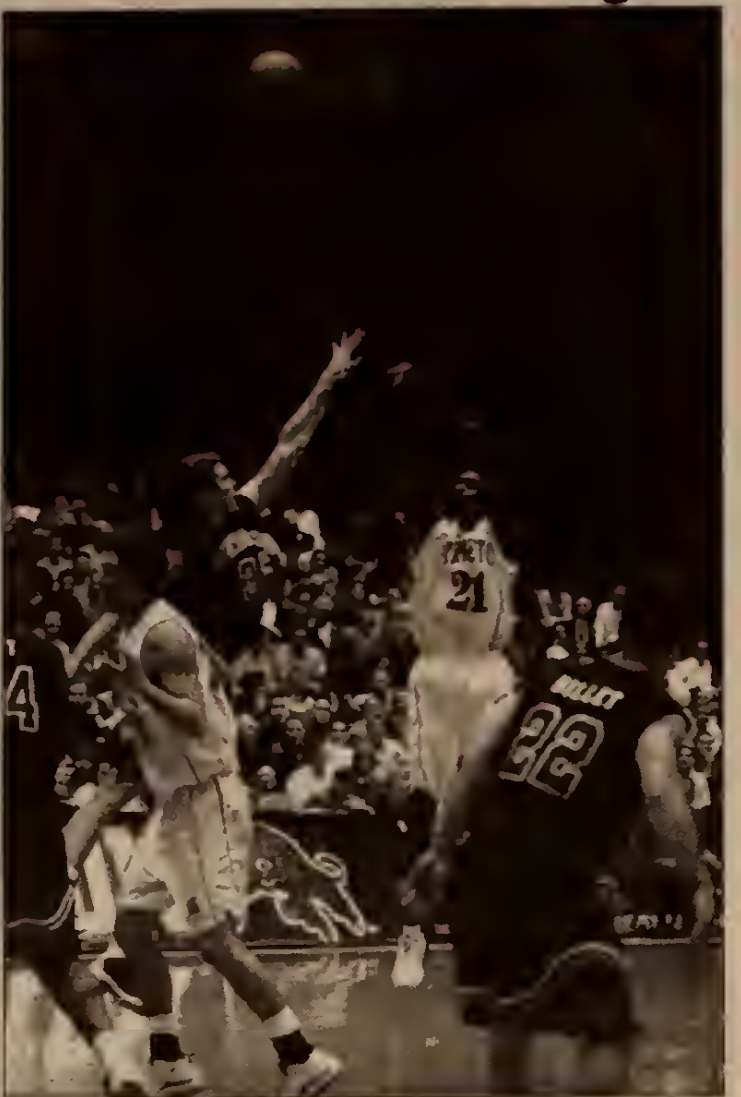
"I'm understanding now that this team feeds off me and the way I play," he commented. "I'm just trying to lead the team. I'm trying to figure out what I can do to help this team more. It's about making little things happen."

It was Princeton that was making little things happen in the first half. The Tigers never trailed in the half. Their biggest lead was seven points at 23-16 after guard Ahmed El-Nokali grabbed the rebound off a C.J. Chapman miss, slashed between two defenders, and laid the ball in the basket.

The Tigers also led by seven, 25-18, at halftime. They shot 52 percent from the field after the first 20 minutes, while the Scarlet Knights only shot 34 percent.

Persia On Fire

Princeton opened up its biggest lead of the game, 27-18, with 16:41 remaining in the second half after freshman guard Ed Persia drove the lane and sank a short shot. Persia also drained a trey to give the Orange and Black a 30-23 lead with 13:15 remaining. He finished with eight points.



THE LONG BAAHMB!! Eugene Baah, #21, shoots a long range jumper over Rutgers' Sean Axani on Thursday.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Sophomore guard Todd Billet's three point shot cut Princeton's lead to 30-26 with 11:41 left, but Chapman fed center Nate Walton on a backdoor pass for an easy score and a 32-26 margin.

Rutgers rallied to tie the score at 34 after 6'7 redshirt freshman Sean Axani grabbed a Eugene Dabney miss with 8:21 remaining and laid the ball in the basket. The Scarlet Knights kept fighting and scrapping, and they took advantage of the situation after Princeton's offense and defense stalled late in the game.

Rutgers First Lead

When 6'0 freshman Mike Sherrod, who led all scorers with 14 points, danced between Tigers defenders and scored on a short jumper with 3:06 remaining, Rutgers had its first lead of the game at 41-40.

Princeton forward Andre Logan converted two free throws with 2:39 left in the contest to push the Tigers ahead 42-41. Rutgers' 6'6 center Rashod Kent scored two of his six points on a thunderous two-handed dunk at the other end, and the Scarlet Knights were back in front 43-42.

Greer gave the Scarlet Knights their biggest lead of the game, 45-42, after an easy basket with 39 seconds remaining. Walton scored with 10 seconds left, and the margin was 45-44. Greer was fouled with four seconds left, and missed one-of-two free throws for a 46-44 lead.

Persia, who scored eight points and drained two treys on the night, had one last opportunity to win the game. His three at the

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REVERSING THE ACTION: Princeton's Ahmed El-Nokali scores on a reverse layup against Rutgers Thursday.

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Tiger Hoops

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buzzer was off the mark, and the visiting team in this rivalry walked away victorious again.

Princeton's overall record dropped to 3-4 with the loss, while Rutgers improved to 6-2. Dejected Princeton head coach John Thompson III spoke to the media afterwards.

"Walton is still hurting," he said, wiping his forehead with a handkerchief. "There is no margin of error for this group. It starts with Nate. He has to get healthy."

"It's tough. We were in control most of the game, but our offense got a little stagnant. That's a very fine team we played. They were down most of the game and hung in there."

Thompson said his team has improved since the first practice October 15.

"We're getting there, but we're not there yet," he commented.

Praise from Bannon

Rutgers head coach Kevin Bannon praised the Tigers.

"To say that tonight was a struggle for us would be a huge understatement," he said. "We beat a team that's getting better in leaps and bounds. Princeton was good, period."

"We tried to go inside early, but they did a terrific job of doubling Kent. Nothing opened up. I take my hat off to them on that."

Kent finished with six points and nine rebounds.

Walton scored nine points and dished out seven assists in the loss. He said there are no moral victories, and said the keys to the game were rebounding, defense and execution down the stretch, the basics to winning games.

The Tigers were outrebounded 35-20, couldn't stop Rutgers' offensive penetration late in the second half, and couldn't score the big basket when it counted.

There is no consolation. We think we're the better team," said Walton. "No offense to Rutgers, but we think we should have won that game."

"They (Rutgers) basically said 'To heck with our offense, let's go to the hole.' We didn't do the little things the coach is always talking about, like getting a body in front of them, and boxing out."

"In the first half they were sticking to their offense more, and we were able to shut that down. In the second half they were slashing, going one-on-one, and they were able to take advantage of that."

Billet finished with nine points and four assists. He talked about the victory afterwards.

"To come down to Princeton and get a win, any year, that's a real accomplishment," he commented. "It's a quality win."

"In the beginning, we didn't get the breaks, we didn't get the bounce. We were playing better in the second half. It was like night and day."

Despite the outcome, Princeton players can feel positive knowing they challenged and almost defeated a quality team like Rutgers.

"Rutgers is a pretty good team," said Logan. "Even though we played poorly on the defensive end, we showed that we should beat those teams. We can beat any team as long as we play our hardest."

"We thought we were the better team tonight. It was a lack of defensive effort, simple as that. That's why we lost."

Notes:

Princeton and Rutgers have met at least once every season since 1926-27, except for 1943-44 and 1995-96.

Princeton and Rutgers played for the 105th time Thursday. Princeton has played Rutgers more than any other non-Ivy League opponent.

Persio has made 11 of his last 20 three point shots.

Before its game with Rutgers, Princeton had made at least seven three-pointers in each contest. They managed just four against the Scarlet Knights.

Princeton has made at least one three-pointer in every game since the rule was enacted for the 1986-87 season.

The overage height of Princeton's starting five in the final game last season was 6'7. The overage height of its starting five this season is 6'4.

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Princeton Hockey Team Will Get a Welcome Rest, Before Heading to Wisconsin for 2-Day Tournament

The break for the Christmas holidays could not have come at a better time for the Princeton hockey team, especially its goalies.

The Tigers were whipped by the University of New Hampshire, 6-3, last Saturday night, and goaltender Nate Nomeland fared no better as a starter than Dave Stathos had done a week before in a 6-2 loss to Rensselaer. Nomeland only saw 15 shots in the period and a half he worked, but allowed three goals, all in the first period. Those kinds of numbers don't do much for your save percentage.

Stathos replaced Nomeland midway through the second, and did not fare much better. He allowed two goals on 14 shots. Coach Len Quesnelle had planned to give both goalies equal time between the pipes, since the Tigers are not scheduled to play again until December 29. At that point they'll be out in Wisconsin for the Badger Hockey Showdown, and will face the host team that night. The following evening, they'll play either North Dakota or Boston University in the championship or consolation round.

Chances are both will see action in this tournament unless one or the other turns in a superlative performance in the

first contest, and that doesn't seem likely at this point. In 10 games Stathos has a record of 3-5-2, a save percentage of .900, and a goals-against average of 3.13. Nomeland has seen action in five games, has a record of 2-0-1, a save percentage of .930, and a goals-against average of 2.35.

Tigers at .500 Mark

A win might have been nice for the Tigers, who now find themselves smack on the .500 mark at 5-5-3, but it is certainly no disgrace to lose to the fifth-ranked team in the country on its ice. The Wildcats are unbeaten in their last nine games, 7-0-2, leading to an overall mark of 12-3-3.

A sellout crowd of 6,266 watched the home team take a 1-0 lead just a minute into the opening period, and never look back. Nathan Martz opened the game's scoring one minute into the contest, knocking in the rebound of a shot from Darren Haydar that hit the right post. Martz struck again at the 8:03 mark as UNH cashed in a power-play opportunity.

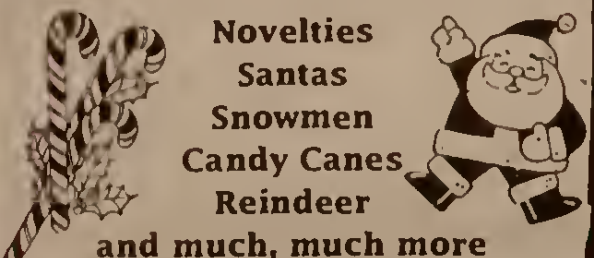
It was one of only two power-play opportunities the Wildcats got all night, this one coming when defenseman Dave Bennett was called for interference at 6:27. Bennett had also been guilty of interference five minutes earlier, but the rest of the Tigers were on their best behavior after the penalty-filled contest against RPI. Only two penalties were called against Princeton.

However, New Hampshire didn't need a man advantage to score again. Its third goal came with less than a minute left in the opening period, when Matt Swain tallied off a centering pass from Lanny Gare. The Tigers actually had a 12 to 10 advantage in shots, but could not solve Wildcat netminder Matt Carney.

That changed midway through the second period. With a UNH player in the penalty box for holding, Shane Campbell tallied, with Ethan Doyle and Steve Slaton picking up assists. Less than a minute later, Neil McCann's tally, assisted by Chris Owen and David Del Monte, brought the Orange and Black to within one. But UNH had an answer for that score just 47 seconds later, and entered the third period with a two-goal margin, 4-2.

Again Princeton rallied to within one when Josh Roberts slammed the puck past Carney, assisted by Doyle at 5:31. Try as they might, however, the Tigers could not come up with the equalizer. Instead, with three minutes left in the contest, New Hampshire made it 5-3. And when Stathos was pulled with 1:32 left, it took the Wildcats just 17 seconds to wrap up the outcome with an empty-net tally.



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PANTHERS PUNISH PENNINGTON: Princeton Day's Jennifer Urs takes a shot against Pennington in second quarter action last Thursday. PDS won in a romp, 61-28.

PDS Girls' Basketball Splits Pair of Games

The Princeton Day girls' basketball team split a pair of games last week, beating Pennington 61-28, and losing to St. Andrews, 48-38. The Panthers, who now have a 4-3 record, will not see any action over the holiday break. They will resume action Thursday, January 4 against Rutgers Prep.

The Blue and White had little trouble with Pennington last Thursday, jumping out to a 19-10 lead in the first quarter. They increased that to 34-17 by halftime, and steadily increased the margin of victory in the final two periods.

Fresh off her 43-point performance in a 64-35 triumph over Villa Victoria earlier in the week, Christina Marshall-Parr settled for 29 this time. Maria Pfenniger contributed 13, and Rachel Scarpato added seven.

On Saturday, Princeton Day traveled to Middletown, Delaware to take on St. Andrews. This was to have been the weekend for the Haverford College Sports Challenge, but that was cancelled when other invited teams pulled out. Playing St. Andrews, PDS looked to be in control of the outcome during the first half, building a 15-8 lead in the opening quarter, and stretching that to 25-15 at halftime.

But the home team must have gotten a few choice words from its coach during the intermission, because it came out in the third period,

Hun Hockey Loses to Pingry

Connor Ryan scored a goal for Hun, but it wasn't enough as the Raiders lost to Pingry 5-1 on December 15 in the opening game of the Brooks School Tournament.

and erased all but two of the Panthers' 10-point lead. Trailing 30-28 entering the final quarter, St. Andrews continued its comeback, and won going away, outscoring PDS, 20-8. Marshall-Parr was "held" to just 18 this time, and Ellie Davis had seven.

PDS Hockey Takes Two; Raises Record to 4-2

The Princeton Day hockey team won two games last week to improve its record to 4-2.

After Christmas, the Panthers will head north to play in the Buckingham/Browne & Nichols tournament Thursday through Saturday, December 28-30. Their next home game will be against Hun on Thursday, January 4.

The week began with the Panthers skating to a 7-4 triumph over LaSalle College High School at home. A scoreless first period did not give much indication of what was to come in the final two. Princeton Day jumped ahead 2-0 in the middle stanza, allowed LaSalle to tie the score, and then pumped in four more goals before the period ended.

Rich Burby, assisted by Scott Schaub and Rich Crowley, tallied first, followed by John Garrett-Denise. Schaub's first of two broke the 2-2 tie, and in short order Ian Andreotta, Schaub and Burby scored again. Schaub finished with two goals and two assists, Burby collected three points, and Tim Firth had a pair of assists.

When Denise notched his second goal in the third the Panthers had a comfortable 7-2 advantage, but LaSalle

still managed to make things interesting with two more scores. PDS had a 2-1 edge in shots, with Armand Buzantian facing just 13 on the four goals he allowed.

On Friday, the Panthers defeated Wyoming Seminary, 3-0, with Buzantian recording his first shutout of the season. He stopped all 17 shots that came his way.

The Blue and White scored in every period. Denise tallied in the first, assisted by Ross Carmichael. In the second Carmichael tallied, assisted by Andreotta. And in the third, Schaub scored, assisted by Burby and Peter Rossi.

Information on the contest against Albany Academy to be played at Wyoming Seminary last Saturday was unavailable.



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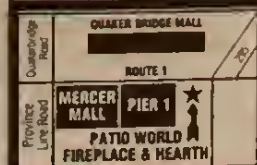


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THE TAKEDOWN! Princeton High's Andrew Meyer tries to pin North Brunswick's Tom Milazzo on Saturday during the Princeton Tournament. (Photo by Steve Allen)

PHS, Hanover Regional Skate to a 2-2 Tie

Princeton High's overall record is now 2-3-1 after a win over Ewing, a loss to Hightstown, and a tie against Hanover Regional in boys' hockey action last week.

The Tigers led for most of its game against Hanover Regional. Jason Diamond scored off an assist from Mike Clifuentes, and Mike Mann scored off an assist from Diamond in the first period for a 2-0 Princeton lead that held until the third period. That's when Hanover scored twice to tie the game. The end result was a 2-2 tie.

Princeton never led in its 8-2 loss to Hightstown December 12. The Rams jumped out to a 3-0 lead after one period, and increased the margin to 5-0 after two periods. Three goals in the third period more than sealed the victory for Hightstown. Kevan Graydon scored Princeton's only two goals in the third period, but the damage was done.

The Tigers won their third game of the season after a

7-2 come-from-behind win over Ewing on December 11. Randy Yapple gave the Blue Devils an early 1-0 lead, but then Princeton reeled off seven straight goals, including four in the first period and three in the second.

Diamond led the Tigers in scoring with three goals and one assist. Graydon scored twice and tallied three assists.

Princeton High Mat Men Fare Well in Tourney

Princeton, North Brunswick, Elizabeth, Cinnaminson, Rancocas Valley and High Point were all a part of the Princeton Tournament held on Saturday morning. Fans and coaches crowded the mats and stands as the state's best wrestlers showed their talent in a display of skill and power.

For the Tigers, Matthew Parker-Levine won the title in the 160-pound bracket, and teammate Roy Williams scrapped his way to the title in the 215-pound category.

The heavyweight title went to Princeton's Matt Levine, no relation. The 189-pound Mike

Souter, 171-pound Emre Guzelsu and 152-pound Andrew Meyer all won in the consolation finals for fourth place.

PHS Boys' Five Loses To Nottingham

Bobby Davison scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, but he was the only Princeton player in double figures as the Tigers were tripped up by Nottingham 58-54 Friday in high school basketball action.

The game was close throughout, with the Northstars leading 24-22 at half-time. Princeton tied that game 36-36 at the end of the third quarter, but couldn't shake off the pesky Nottingham squad down the stretch.

Nottingham's Yves Terilus led all scorers with 22 points in the win, while teammate Brian Nixon added 12.

Princeton (0-1) will play its home opener against Allentown on December 19 at 7 p.m. It will face Lawrence, also at home, on December 22 at 7 p.m.

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PDS Basketball Loses 2; Record Falls to 1-4

The Princeton Day basketball team lost two more contests last week, one to Blair and one to St. Andrews, and saw its record dip to 1-4.

The Panthers will break for the holidays, and coach Alan Taback will have a couple of weeks to figure out how to inject some more offense into his team. The Blue and White has been outscored by more than 100 points in those four losses.

In last Wednesday's game against Blair, the Panthers were once again overmatched against a very talented team, but the strategy employed by PDS coach Alan Taback kept the contest from being more one-sided than it was. Taback told his players to hold the ball as long as they could, until they got a high percentage shot.

His plans paid off for the first two periods: PDS trailed by 9-4 at the end of one

PDS Girls' Hockey Beats Pingry, 6-4

Last week, Princeton Day took a trip to Martinsville and returned home with a 6-4 triumph over Pingry. Laura Gosnell's hat trick led the way for the Panthers in this seesaw affair. Her first goal opened the scoring a little over three minutes into the contest. Pingry tied it up five minutes later, 1-1.

A pair of freshmen skaters combined on the next PDS goal, with Hilary Cook, of course wearing No. 9, setting up Betsy Welsh for her first of two tallies. That 2-1 lead was shortlived, however. Pingry scored just six seconds later and again a minute later to take a 3-2 lead at the end of the first period.

Gosnell's second, 41 seconds into the second period, tied the score, and when Steph Friedman tallied with 1:55 left, assisted by Tyler Bracken and Sara Peach, the Panthers had the lead back, 4-3. However before the period ended, Big Blue managed to tie the score quickly, taking just 12 seconds to make it a 4-4 deadlock.

Gosnell also had a speedy answer, completing her hat trick a mere 18 seconds after that, giving the Panthers a 5-4 lead going into the third. After the flurry of goals in the two previous periods, the third was quiet with Welsh's second goal near the end making it a 6-4 final. Courtney Bergh had 26 saves.

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CONSIDERING HIS OPTIONS: Emre Guzelsu ponders his next move while wrestling Pat Pacihnik from Rancocas Valley on Saturday. (Photo by Steve Allen)

quarter, and 20-13 at the intermission. But the taller Buccaneers, who had a big edge in rebounds, pulled away with a pair of 21-point periods after halftime.

Blair, which finished 19-4 a year ago, was led by a big (6'10") post-grad player, Mike Goia, who is getting his academics polished up before heading to Cornell next fall. The Big Red, a perennial also-ran in the Ivies, needs all the help it can get.

Not that it would have changed the final outcome, but PDS at least would have been more competitive if it had not been missing two starters, Eric Skaar and Zach Thompson. Junior guard Jeremiah Johnson led the Panthers with 15 points.

On Saturday, Taback's troops also made the trip to Middletown to play St. Andrews, but were less competitive than the girls' team, which led at halftime. In contrast, St. Andrews led from the start, jumping out to a 12-4 advantage in the first period, and extending that in every quarter thereafter for a 63-41 triumph.

Skaar celebrated his return to the line-up, scoring 22 Allentown on December 19, points — half the PDS total and Lawrence on December — as did Thompson, who 22.

contributed eight. However, everyone else apparently was so glad to see Skaar and Thompson back, they forgot to shoot. No one else had more than two points.

For the first time in several years, the Panthers will not be involved in a tournament over the holidays. Princeton Day will resume play on Thursday, January 4 when it meets Timothy Christian Academy.

Princeton High Girls Lose Home Hoops Opener

It was more like a football score than a basketball score. The Nottingham girls' basketball team pulled out a 40-23 victory over Princeton on Friday in the season opener for both teams.

The Tigers' Jacque Brooks led her team in scoring with eight points, while teammate Meghan O'Grady added seven. Erin Walters-Bugbee chipped in four.

Jessica Scott led the Northstars with ten points, and Vicki Jenkins added nine, while Amy Peroni and Julie Gootee finished with six.

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SING OUT ALL YE NATIONS: Declaring the joy of the season at the Princeton Day School Holiday Concert were these three lower school choristers.

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KWANZAA CELEBRATORS: First graders Natalie Bell and Anthony Norcott performed a South African Zulu song, "Siyahamba," at the Princeton Day School Holiday Concert on Friday.

(Photo by Charles Phox)



LOVELY, LOVELY MOON," A Tamil folk song, was performed by first graders Katharina Gebert, Eric Powers and Morgan Revelle in honor of the Indian festival of Divali at the Princeton Day School lower school Holiday Concert Friday.

(Photo by Charles Phox)



DIVALI FINERY: First grade students dressed in Indian costume at Princeton Day School's lower school Holiday Concert on Friday, December 15, are Jenna Fritz, left, James Sanderson, and Liza Parab.

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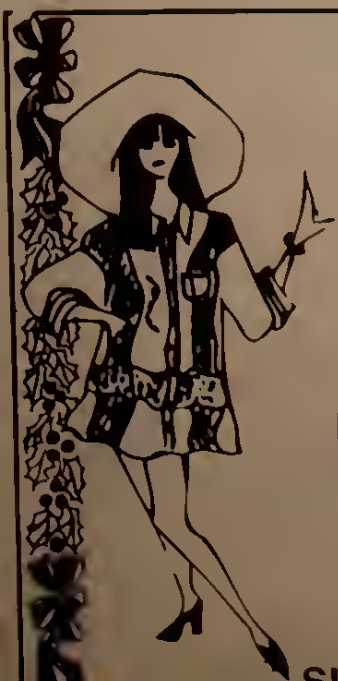
SING A HANUKKAH SONG: Second grade students Leah Schaeffer (left), Brandon Adams and Simone Christen sang "Light the Candles" and "Dreidel Dance" at Princeton Day School's lower school Holiday Concert on Friday.

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WALKING MUSIC: Princeton Day School second graders Sam Kelly and Alexandra McCourt celebrate the Feast of Ramadan at Friday's lower school Holiday Concert.

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The U.S. Department of Energy's Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) have awarded two of its scientists, **Ronald Bell** and **Edmund Synakowski**, with the Kaul Foundation Prize for Excellence in Plasma Physics and Technology Development. The two were honored during a ceremony and reception at the Laboratory.

The award recognizes Drs. Bell and Synakowski for novel measurements of the dynamics of hot ionized gases, or plasmas, which will someday serve as fuel for the production of electricity in fusion power plants.

Dr. Bell received a bachelor's degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1975 and a Ph.D. in physics from Johns Hopkins University in 1983, the same year he came to PPPL. He is presently involved in research on PPPL's National Spherical Torus Experiment (NSTX), an experimental fusion device.



Ronald Bell

Dr. Synakowski received a bachelor's degree in physics from the Johns Hopkins University in 1982, graduating with Departmental Honors and receiving the Donald Kerr Memorial Medal for excellence in physics. He received a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988, the same year he joined the research staff at PPPL.

Dr. Synakowski is presently Deputy Program Director of NSTX. Prior to receiving the Kaul Prize, he was named a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Princeton University awards the Kaul Prize to recognize a recent outstanding technical achievement in plasma physics or technology development by a full-time, regular employee of PPPL. It includes a cash award of \$2,000 for each of the honorees.



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Joan Kisthardt, daughter of James and Janice Kisthardt, Valley Road, is studying in London during the fall semester, through Boston University's Division of International Programs.

Ms. Kisthardt, a 1998 graduate of Princeton High School, is a junior majoring in art history at Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Plainsboro resident **Lori Ann Ferguson** has joined the law firm of Hill Wallack, in its Banking & Secured Transactions Practice Group. Ms. Ferguson earned her law degree from Widener University Law School and is admitted to practice in New Jersey.

Lisa M. Randazzese has become associated with the Princeton law firm, Mason, Griffin & Pierson. Ms. Randazzese graduated magna cum laude from the College of New Jersey and received her J.D. degree from Rutgers Law School, Camden. She was Law Clerk to the Honorable Linda R. Feinberg from 1999 to 2000.

Ms. Randazzese practices in the areas of family law, municipal law, and appellate practice. She is a member of the Mercer County Bar and American Bar Associations and is admitted to the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bar.



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Marie Walsh, a 1998 graduate of Princeton High School, is participating in the Lancaster General Hospital Pre-Medical Preceptorship program, through Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

The 16-week program is sponsored by the college's Office of Pre-Healing Arts and Lancaster General Hospital. Ms. Walsh is a junior classics and mathematics double major. She is the daughter of Sara Walsh, Princeton, and John Walsh, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Alison Harris, Southern Way, has been named executive director of the Westport Country Playhouse in Westport, Conn.

Ms. Harris served as managing director of McCarter Theatre from 1979 to 1987. She spent most of the 1970's as an administrator and assistant to Arvin Brown, artistic director of the Long Wharf Theatre, New Haven, Conn. For the last six years, she has been director of business development at the architecture firm of Ford Farewell Mills and Gatsch.

Ms. Harris has been treasurer and an executive committee member of LORT, the League of Resident Theatres; and a board member of the Theatre Communications Group. Since 1995, she has served on the board of the Society for Marketing Professional Services, where she is currently the treasurer.

Princeton resident **Josephine Su-Min Lee** is one of 10 area young women, selected to participate in the Princeton Debutante Ball held recently at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The young women were selected from a pool of applicants, based on their



Cathryn A. Mitchell

commitment to community service, academic achievement, values, and etiquette.

Ms. Lee, a first-year student at Boston University, College of Communications, is a graduate of the Lawrenceville School. Her community service and academic achievements include working with developmentally disabled elementary school children; teaching tennis to inner city children; and helping patients from a developmental center in California to attend church.

A Dean's List scholar, Ms. Lee also played varsity volleyball and softball, serving as captain of both teams. She participated in a program at ITRP (Institute for Television, Film, and Radio Production) and was chosen to produce the program's final class project. Ms. Lee plans to pursue a career as a television producer.

All proceeds from the Debutante Ball benefitted Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton. For more information, call 394-5181.

Cathryn A. Mitchell, a founding shareholder of the Princeton corporate/intellectual property law firm Miller & Mitchell, spoke recently at a seminar on "E-Policy" for technology executives in Princeton.

Ms. Mitchell is known internationally as a frequent author and lecturer in the field of Internet/e-commerce, intellectual property, and entertainment law.

Dan Rodgers, Turner Court, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Mercer Street Friends. A professor in the history department at Princeton University since 1980, Dr. Rodgers teaches an undergraduate seminar on the history of poverty.

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Benjamin Donati, 13, son of Gianni and Dana Donati, Bertrand Drive, is currently touring the Southern states with the Concert Choir of the American Boychoir. An eighth grade student at the American Boychoir School, Benjamin recently returned from California and Oregon where the choir performed for a 3½-week period. During the holiday season, he was scheduled to perform at Richardson Auditorium, Trinity Church (Trenton), and West-Windsor Plainsboro High School, in several concerts.

Christopher L. Westcott, son of Helen Westcott, Mercer Road, and Bruce Westcott, New York City, is a member of the Representative Assembly, the student government at Bates College, Lewiston, Me.

A 1999 graduate of Princeton Day School, Mr. Westcott represents his residence, the environmental theme house, in the Assembly.

Kingston resident Alan Goldsmith, manager of photo services at Rutgers University, has been named "Photographer of the Year" by two national organizations — the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the University Photographers' Association of America (UPAA).

Mr. Goldsmith also received "Best of Show" honors in this year's UPAA annual print competition, as well as a second-place award in the portrait category.

In a separate slide competition, also sponsored by UPAA, Mr. Goldsmith received a first-place award in the campus environments category, second place in the people/portraits category, and an honorable mention in the sports category.

A photographer for more than 30 years, Mr. Goldsmith received a bronze award from CASE in 1999 for Individual Photography. Before joining Rutgers in 1995, he was a New England-based freelance photographer, specializing in corporate/industrial assignments and editorial photography for national and regional magazines.

He has also received honors from the American Institute for Graphic Artists, the Connecticut Art Directors Club, the New York Art Directors Club and New York One Club.

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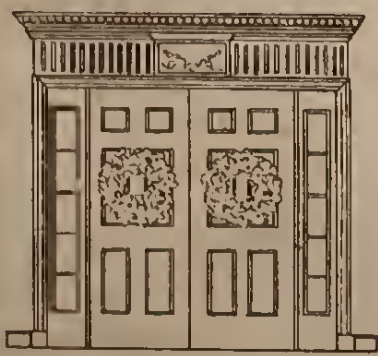
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Parking Meters

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Vandeventer Avenue, South Tulane Street, Witherspoon Street from Nassau Street to Wiggins Street, and the metered lots on North Tulane and Hulfish streets.

A number of merchants came to the December 12 meeting to voice their objections and concerns about the proposed increases in rates and hours.

There was reference among the audience to a 2,300-signature petition against the increases, and a comment by The Annex's Rich Camevale that the ordinance was "punishing people who make this town work, the working man, consumer, and merchant."

Several merchants, including Triangle's Bill Howard, The Gilded Lion's Leo Arons, and Micawber's Margaret Knapp, said they would prefer that taxes rather than meters be increased.

"The problem with the ordinance is the entire concept of raising revenue through parking," said Mr. Arons. "I'm a resident, perfectly prepared to write a check and not be nickle-and-dimed day in and day out. I think my customers feel that way."

Mitigate Tax Increase

The original impetus to pass an ordinance that would raise rates and increase hours was to mitigate the continual increase in taxes faced by Borough residents. Raising the rate on downtown meters, as well as other increases to longer-term meters, should bring in about \$150,000 a year, said Borough Engineer Carl Peters. This is far less than the approximately \$400,000 a year that would have been raised through increased hours and rates.

Councilman Roger Martindell, who supported the increase in meter hours, said the recent study done by the State said there was a substantial underutilization of the Borough's opportunity to raise money through parking revenue. "If we don't raise rates, taxpayers will certainly pay a significant

increase in taxes," he said.

"If somebody came tonight because they really were worried about taxes going up, the real meeting on taxes going up is taking place on the other side of town, where they are talking about a \$75 million school construction program," said Mayor Reed. "That is where the real dollars are getting voted and spent, far in excess of what we might do either raising taxes or rates."

Mr. Goldfarb said the health of the merchant community is essential in keeping Borough taxes low, while Mr. Martindell made another plea for Sunday hours. "Most of the revenue on Sunday in particular comes from people who don't live in Princeton or who come to Princeton to participate in nonprofit organizations," he said. "We are essentially paying for services for those who come to town, and it would be equitable and reasonable [to impose Sunday hours]."

The last meter increase was ordinance in 1998. This provided for an increase from 60 to 75 cents in the Central Business District and an extension in hours from 6 to 7 p.m.

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VOICES OPPOSITION: Margaret Knapp, co-owner of Micawber Books on Nassau Street, spoke against proposed meter increases last Tuesday night at Borough Council, saying it is a negative experience coming downtown to shop.

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Arts Council

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Robert Williams, who lives in the Green Street house next door to the Arts Council, said his house has been hit by cars going down the driveway between the properties.

Harris Road resident James Floyd, quoting Princeton resident Albert Hinds, said, "The intention is to move us out so the town can be lily white."

Looking at Mr. Floyd, Architect Jeremiah Ford said, "You know me Jim, I'm not a racist." Then, in support of the Arts Council, he continued, "It is very important for young people to have the opportunity to be exposed to the arts. I think the community around the Arts Council is making a mistake seeing it as a threat."

Roles in Conflict

Robert Geddes, former dean of the Princeton University School of Architecture and a co-founder of Princeton Future, said the goals of protecting the well-being of the John Witherspoon downtown neighborhood and supporting the social and cultural role of the Arts Council are in conflict.

"Of the two parties in question — the Arts Council and the neighborhood — only one party, the Arts Council, could move," he said. "It could achieve its expanded goals in an alternative location. Primacy must be given to the needs of the neighborhood. Its voice must be heard and listened to, now. Resentment runs deep. Reconciliation must be sought."

Architect William Wolfe, a member of the Site Plan Review Advisory Board, said the addition's architect had responded directly to concerns of bulk and was very responsive, but that he could not see how the Planning Board could give variances. "I agree with the remarks of Professor Geddes," he added.

Several people spoke in support of the application, including HomeFront Executive Director Connie Mercer. "The Arts Council reached out to my homeless children, mostly African American, in ways no other organization in Mercer County has."

Ms. Bush was one of the first Planning Board members to speak. She said she felt the two groups had come to the point where color and race have become issues, and asked to see the community and Arts Council get together and work things out.

Mr. Ludwig, who is president of the Arts Council's board of trustees, replied that he wanted to explore ways to acquire grants to develop programs to strengthen the appeal of the Arts Council to the local neighborhood.

"Somehow you're missing the point," replied Ms. Bush. "Listen to what they say."

It's also your approach and tone."

Ms. Benchley focused on the 200 patrons expected to come to the new theater twice a week. "This is a huge increase in use. We need to respect the neighborhood. Is there a way to have the theater in another space and have the Arts Council in an expanded building?" she asked.

"We asked the arts groups what they wanted, and their need was for a small theater in the heart of town," replied Mr. Blenstock.

"I am troubled by the issue of equal protection raised by the neighborhood," said Mr. O'Neill. "I'm leaning more and more to the side of protecting the neighborhood because it is so small a space."

Mr. Enslin, after saying the Arts Council should be encouraged and supported, said the building may be a bridge to town, but it is primarily in the John Witherspoon neighborhood. "The integrity of the neighborhood will be badly comprised by expansion."

"Of the two parties in question — the Arts Council and the neighborhood — only one party, the Arts Council, could move."

"As I stand on Nassau Street I find the new building exciting, eye-catching," said Ms. Ullman. "I think the neighborhood can only be enhanced by the building."

Addition Is Exciting

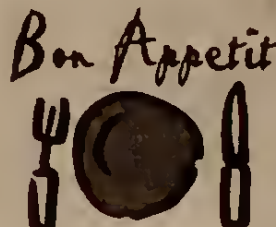
Mr. Madison said the value of the Arts Council outweighs other situations, and Ms. Gunning agreed with Ms. Ullman that the addition is an exciting building. "The Board approved a Seminary addition on Library Place that the residents didn't want, and it worked out well," said Ms. Gunning.

Ms. Bergman noted that the Arts Council was built in the 1930s as an African-American Y, and that the new addition turns the building toward town and diminishes the original structure. "I am troubled by the number and kind of variances required and the effect on traffic and parking," she said.

The Borough sold the building to the Arts Council in 1996 for \$110,000. The group agreed to make the structure handicapped accessible, something the Borough did not believe it could afford because of stricter standards for municipal buildings. This work was to be included in the renovation/expansion project.

"I really want to make sure the Arts Council stays downtown," said Mayor Reed. "If the Arts Council doesn't stay in the building, what will we do with it?"

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Churches in Princeton will hold services on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, and Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Following are worship schedules for a number of churches. Others may be called for their schedules.

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, 124 Witherspoon Street, will have a worship service December 24 at 10 a.m. and a Candlelight Service in the evening, at 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, will have on Sunday a 4 p.m. Children's Vigil Mass; a 6 p.m. Vigil Mass, an 8 p.m. Mass in Spanish, and 11:30 caroling preceding Midnight Mass.

On Christmas Day there will be Masses at 7, 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., as well as a Mass in Korean at 3.

On December 24, **Westerly Road Church**, 25 Westerly Road, will have 6:30 and 11 p.m. services.

Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, will have a 10 a.m. Service of Worship on Sunday, December 24. At 2 and 4 will be the Traditional Christmas Pageant Service of Worship, and at 7 will be a Service of Worship with a Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Also on Christmas Eve will be a 10 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols, with a harp prelude at 9:30 and a brass choir for carol singing outside after the service.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road, will have Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Services at 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

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Religion

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On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion and Carols at 10 a.m.

Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m.

The Princeton University Chapel will have a telling of the Christmas Story at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 24. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a candlelight concert, and a Festival Christmas Eve Service will begin at 8.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. by Dean Sue Anne Steffey Morrow.

All Saints' Episcopal Church, off Terhune Road, will hold a service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve. Those interested may join afterwards in the Hanging of the Greens for Christmas. There will also be a 3 p.m. service designed for children, as well as two Christmas Eve Candlelight services, at 8 and 11 p.m. Each service will be preceded by a half-hour concert of Christmas music.

There will be a morning service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Princeton United Methodist Church, Nassau Street and Vandeventer Avenue, will hold Regular Worship Services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Christmas Eve, a Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6, and a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 8.

The Lutheran Church of the Messiah, 407 Nassau Street, will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, with special choir music, on Sunday, December 24 at 8 p.m.

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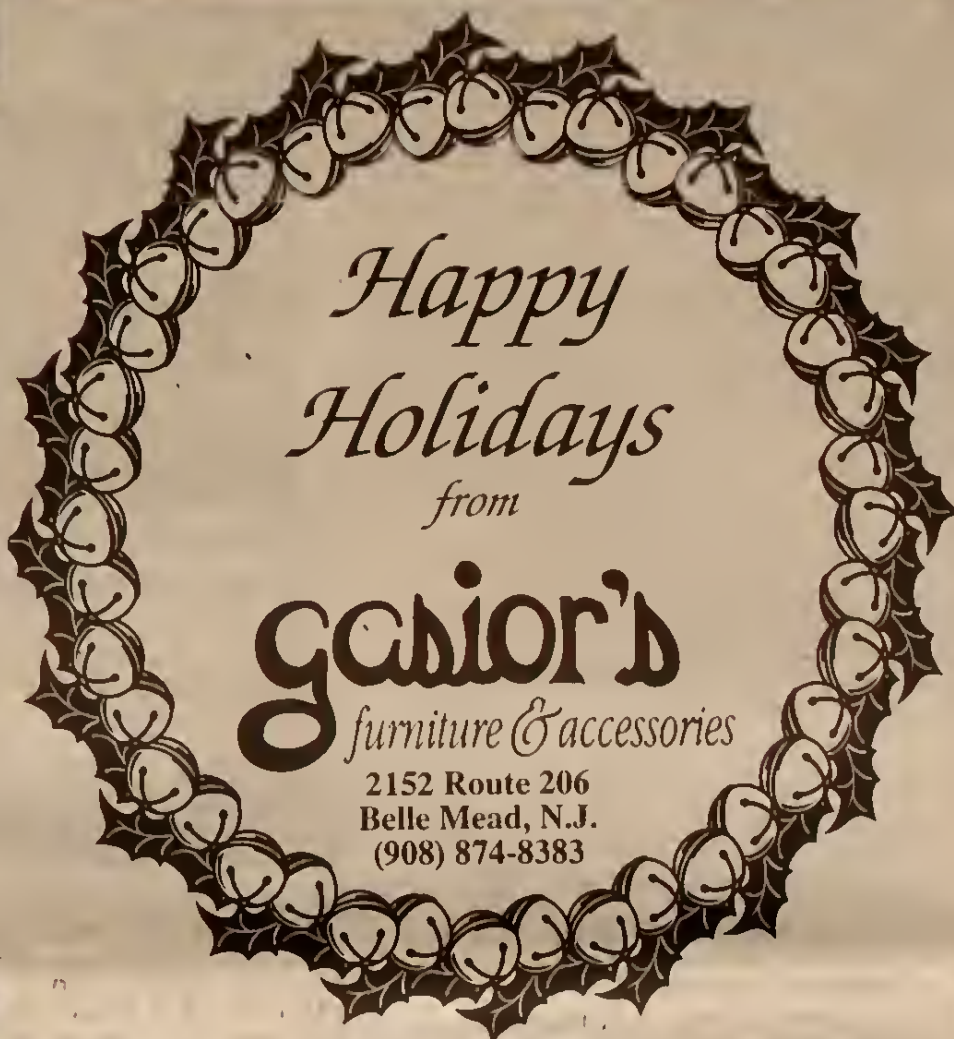
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OBITUARIES

Dr. Leon J. Heuser, 85, of Robbinsville, formerly of Princeton, died December 8 at home after a period of poor health.

Born in Glen Ridge, he attended Montclair Academy and graduated from Princeton University in 1936. He received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1940 from Marburg University in Munich, Germany.

He was with E.R. Squibb & Son for 30 years and held 16 U.S. patents. He worked in developing mass production methods for antibiotics at The Squibb Institute.

He earned his pilot's certificate in 1949, was an accomplished artist, an expert in contract bridge, and raised champion boxers with his late wife. He was the first president of the Princeton chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. He was a member of the Nassau Club.

He moved to Princeton in 1954. In the late 90s he endowed a fellowship in the Chemistry Department at Princeton for a graduate student in chemistry.

In 1964 he and his wife founded Indian Run Nursery as a retirement business on their 20-acre Robbinsville property.

Husband of the late Josephine Vahlsing. Heuser, who died in 1999, He is survived two sisters-in-law, Margaret V. Dinges of Longwood, Fla., and Alice V. Stanley of Sun Valley, Idaho, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 27 at 1 p.m. in the Princeton University Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Department of Chemistry, Princeton University, c/o Ronald Brown, 330 Alexander Street, Princeton 08540.

Elizabeth H. Peterson, 92, died December 12 at the home of her son, Charles E. Peterson Jr. Born in Trenton, she had lived most of her life in the Princeton area.

She was a member of the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, the Provinceline Club of Princeton, and the Lawrenceville Grange, No. 172.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Lou Allen of Lawrenceville; a son, Charles E. Peterson Jr. of Princeton; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, James Harvey of Chesterfield; and three sisters, Anna Munder of Point Pleasant, Marie Riccietelli of Trenton, and Jane Dyer of Lawrenceville.

Funeral services were held Friday in the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. H. Dana Fearon III, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Lawrenceville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 U.S. Highway 1, North Brunswick; or to the Medical Center at Princeton Hospice, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540.

Fern Irene Cloak, 89, died December 13 at home. Born in Kellettville, Pa, she was a resident of Princeton for 52 years.

She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan and studied library science at Drexel University.

Ms. Cloak served as Lt. J.G. in the USNR during World War II. She was employed by RCA from 1948 to 1976 and was the head of the Technical Research Library of the David Sarnoff Laboratory until her retirement.

She was an active member of Nassau Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Margaret Cloak of Cardon, Ohio, and a niece.

A memorial service will be held in the Niles Chapel of Nassau Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 21 at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Castle View Memorial Gardens, New Castle, Pa.

Memorial donations may be made to Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Mather Hodge Funeral Home.

Alfred F. Perone Sr., 81, of Hightstown, died December 13 at Forrester Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Plainsboro.

He was a Princeton resident all his life until he moved to Cranbury in 1990.

He was an Army veteran of World War II who served in the European Theater.

He retired in 1981 after 27 years with the R.C.A. David Sarnoff Research Center, where he had worked in the maintenance division and later as a chauffeur.

He was a member of the Italian-American Sportsmen's Club of Princeton.

Husband of the late Grace L. Perone, he is survived by a son, Alfred F. Jr. of Bordentown; a daughter, Marian DeVeau of Hightstown; four brothers, John and Felix, both of Princeton, Joseph of Lawrenceville, and Albert of Skillman; a sister, Mary Perone of Princeton; and three grandchildren.

Wake Service was Friday at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Funeral was Saturday from the funeral home, with Funeral Liturgy following at St. Paul's Church, Nassau Street.

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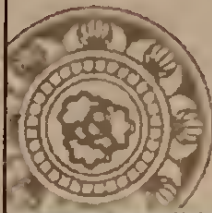
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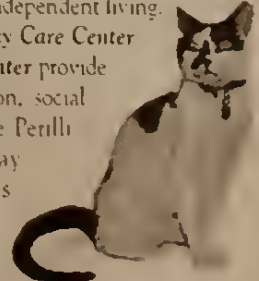
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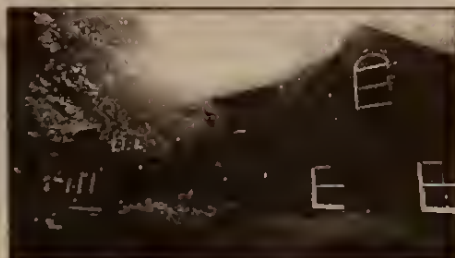
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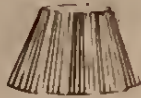
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